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STANDING UP TO HATE

The 63-year-old woman battered in Friday's rampage at a prominent Big Apple synagogue is standing up to her attacker in a defiant post that included a photo of herself with a busted lip and a gashed forearm.

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NYC synagogue attack victim: 'You will not punch out our Jewish light'

‘Chart’ing big wins

Ahead of city class on tests

By CARL CAMPANILE

The overwhelming majority of students in the city’s largest charter-school networks excelled on recent state math and reading exams, unlike those in government-run schools where reading results plummeted.

Success Academy’s results show that of its students in grades 3 to 8 who took the tests, 96% passed or were deemed proficient in math and 91% were proficient in English Language Arts, about the same stellar scores as last year.

By comparison, only about 50% of New York City’s public-school kids were considered proficient in reading, a six-point drop from the year before, and just 57% made the grade in math, about the same as the previous year.

“Our curriculum is more rigorous,” Bronx Success Academy 4 Principal Nadienka Morillo bluntly told The Post.

100% Passing
100% Level 4’s

BRAINIACS: Charter school pupils like those at Success Academy 4 in The Bronx excelled on state exams, far outpacing their counterparts in traditional schools.

Success Academy Charter Schools

Crushing it

Twelve Success Academy schools even saw 100% of their students score proficient in both math and English Language Arts, while 100% of the students at another eight schools scored proficient in one exam or the other.

Students are graded from Levels 1 to 4. Level 3 is passing, and Level 4 is exceptional.

At Bronx Success Academy 4 elementary school in the Soundview section, not only were all of the students proficient in both subjects, but a stunning 100% of the 195 students who took the math exam also scored at a Level 4, as did 96% of students who aced the English Language Arts test.

Many students at Success Academy are from low-income families. Seventy-two percent are poor enough to qualify for free and reduced-price meals, 13% are current and former English-language learners from immigrant families, and 10% have special needs.

As for racial makeup, the students break down into black (42%), Hispanic (36%), multiracial (11%) and Asian, white or Native American (11%).

Students at another large network — Zeta Charter Schools’ 14 campuses — also crushed the exams, with 92% proficient in math and 86% in English Language Arts.

When comparing the charters’ success with the city’s public schools, the pass rate at the charters was 35 percent to 40 percent higher than at the traditional public schools on both exams.

No ‘excuses’

The sinking test scores released earlier this month for traditional public schools provoked finger-pointing and questions from city education bigs about the validity of the tests.

United Federation of Teachers president Michael Mulgrew blamed Mayor Mamdani’s administration for continued implementation of the city’s Adams-era, phonics-based NYC Reads program. Mamdani defended the program as sound.

But Morillo, the Success Academy principal, said, “We don’t make excuses.

“We know our students are capable and they rise to the occasion. These are the results we were seeking. It’s always about the adult who is in front of the students.”

Success Academy’s curriculum far exceeds the state’s standards, which Morillo described as the basic or minimum students are expected to meet.

At Success Academy, students spend an hour each day reading, 30 minutes independently and 30 minutes in small groups.

In math, the curriculum focuses relentlessly on problem-solving.

“This isn’t just a victory for our educators and children — it’s a fierce wake-up call for leaders who have resigned themselves to failure and cheap excuses,” said Eva Moskowitz, founder and CEO of Success Academy.

“Our children have proved what’s possible; it’s time for leadership to do the same,” Moskowitz added.

Jeffries cagey on Medicare & DSA

WASHINGTON — House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries was dodgy Sunday about whether he backs the lefty Medicare for All plan — and if Democratic Socialists of America even belong in the Democratic Party.

The backlash was immediate and fierce.

“This man is so out of touch with his party. How is he their leader??” Mehdi Hasan, founder of the progressive outlet Zeteo, grumbled on social media.

Jeffries was confronted on the multitrillion-dollar Medicare for All proposal while on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

“I haven’t cosponsored the Medicare for All legislation that has been introduced over the last several years,” responded the Brooklyn pol — who previously had done so from 2013 to 2021.

“I do think we need to figure out how to fix our broken healthcare system and then build something better once we repair the damage that has been done,” he said.

Medicare for All would cost between $2.5 trillion and $3.5 trillion a year on average over a decade, according to a 2020 analysis from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Most plans call for no copayments or deductibles.

Jeffries also was coy over whether the DSA belongs in the Party.

“I don’t support the DSA agenda as has been articulated by the DSA itself,” he said. Referring to the upcoming election slate, he added, “It’s going to be a broad caucus. There will be progressives. There will be New Dems. There will be Blue Dogs.” *Ryan King*

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Taylo*ring* her outfit for pal's wedding

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Taylor Swift flaunted her wedding ring while stepping out without her husband, Travis Kelce, to celebrate her close pal's nuptials.

According to exclusive photos obtained by Page Six, the Grammy winner's massive engagement ring and gold band were on full display as she socialized at the wedding of recording engineers Oli Jacobs and Laura Sisk, hosted at Real World Studios in England, on Saturday.

She was all smiles during an intimate conversation with the bride and groom before moving on to talk with more attendees.

Iconic red lipstick

Swift, 36, stunned in an Arcangela appliqué tulle gown designed by Costarellos ($2,836). The dark blue dress featured gold embroidery and a plunging neckline.

She accessorized with a pearl necklace and a Cartier Love Unlimited bracelet for the special occasion, also sporting her usual iconic red lipstick.

The "Lover" songstress rocked her freshly cut hair in light waves with a side part.

Other star-studded attendees included Sabrina Carpenter, Jack Antonoff and Phoebe Bridgers.

Kelce, also 36, was not in attendance as he gears up for another NFL season with the Kansas City Chiefs. The tight end didn't play in the Chiefs' preseason opener against the Los Angeles Rams on Saturday.

Vanessa Serna

AOC'S 'OVA' REACT

'Sexist' criticism

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — "Squad" Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez whined about the "negativity" she's faced for publicly sharing her egg-freezing journey — but insisted she has no regrets despite the backlash.

The Bronx and Queens congresswoman, who is rumored to be mulling a bid for higher office in 2028, grumbled that the scrutiny and media frenzy she's faced come from a sexist double standard that she's dealt with since her meteoric rise in politics.

"The answer to that simply is no," Ocasio-Cortez (inset) said Saturday on Instagram about whether she has regrets. "I was born a woman, period. And I have no control over that, and I wouldn't want to change that.

"And the way I feel is, any negativity or judgment that I would receive at any point is negativity that I would receive for being a woman, whether I shared this information or not. So I might as well help others," she said.

The progressive darling announced Aug. 8 that she was freezing her eggs, and began unleashing a series of social media posts taking the public through the process.

She framed her decision to make the journey public as a way to inspire and inform other women about their options.

But it drew scrutiny from Christian conservative influencers who complained that society pressures women to focus more on their careers than on starting a family.

Ocasio-Cortez shot back at that notion, contending that critics were pushing women to settle for someone who is a "loser."

Others complained that she was sharing too much.

The move also fueled rumors that she split from her fiancé Riley Roberts, something she refrained from confirming publicly — but sources told The Post that it happened a while ago.

Scrutiny

Many observers initially thought she was still engaged to Roberts when she began sharing that she was freezing her eggs. The engagement took place in 2022, but Ocasio-Cortez has been seen without her engagement ring for months.

"Ever since I was 28 years old when I first won my primary, largely unexpectedly to the national media, I have been subject to personal scrutiny and dissection ever since," Ocasio-Cortez griped on Instagram.

"It's no secret to anyone that it's been done in a way that is just simply not something my male colleagues have been subject to," she went on. "I have the privilege of being more resilient to this kind of negativity than someone who hasn't."

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JEWS’ SPIRIT

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BRUISED & BRAVE: Bloodied congregant Michele Anenberg-Poma stands tall after she was punched allegedly by Larry Montes (above) at the Upper East Side’s Central Synagogue (right).

Victim defiant after punch at synagogue

By DOREE LEWAK, STEVEN VAGO and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A 63-year-old woman battered in Friday night’s rampage at a prominent Big Apple synagogue is defiantly standing up to her attacker.

“I am the woman who was assaulted last night at Central Synagogue. You will not punch out our Jewish light. You will not stand and cause harm to our eternal light,” wrote a bloodied but adamant Michele Anenberg-Poma on Instagram on Saturday.

She included a photo of herself revealing a busted lip and an open gash on her right forearm.

“We will continue to sing our prayers of peace, love, and joy while protecting the voices that lead us each week,” said the former Disney exec.

“Our beloved Central Synagogue stands for all — stands so tall, a light, a light truly for all.”

The congregant was allegedly slugged by Larry Montes, 46, who police sources said seethed, “F--k the Jews” and called Jewish people “swine” during the shocking attack on the high-profile Upper East Side synagogue.

It’s the same house of worship that NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch attended while she was growing up.

Harrowing livestream footage of its Friday night Shabbat service shared to social media showed the accused fiend in a rage, shouting erratically at the front of the synagogue as prayers started at 6 p.m.

Montes allegedly slugged Anenberg-Poma, who is seen in the footage getting back up and following the goon to the front door.

He also spit on a black security guard and head-butted him, according to a criminal complaint.

The suspect was being held at Rikers Island on Sunday night on $10,000 cash bail or a $30,000 bond, online records show.

‘The biggest heart’

Friends, meanwhile, described Anenberg-Poma as having “the biggest heart,” someone who’s gone “above and beyond” to support children’s causes.

Expressions of support poured in for the beaten woman, a former Disney creative marketing executive whose LinkedIn profile said she was a “Hillary for America” volunteer and active with the Lower East Side Girls Club.

“I am heartbroken that this happened to you,” wrote a supporter who thanked the victim for speaking up. “After an antisemitic attack, you have every right to isolate and lick your wounds.

“Instead, you are coming forward as a light for the Jewish community. Many non-Jews stand with you, myself included.”

Another supporter wrote, “Thank you for reminding us of the light, no matter what they try to do.”

The plucky victim is an ardent supporter of Israel who also railed against the evils of antisemitism in January to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Anenberg-Poma posted a video blasting “the evil of radicalized, proliferated antisemitism that is present at every turn. We must stand up for all freedom-loving people.”

Zo’s ‘incitement’

The Israeli consul general in New York issued a scathing statement Sunday blaming Mayor Mamdani’s past comments on Israel for the synagogue attack.

“The attack on Manhattan’s Central Synagogue is a direct result of Mayor Mamdani’s sustained campaign of incitement,” Consul General Ofir Akunis said in a statement.

“I warned that words would turn into actions, and that is exactly what is happening,” he said. “Mamdani has failed to protect New York’s Jews. It is not enough to issue weak condemnations. Action is needed.”

Mamdani, a Muslim, has come under fire by Jewish leaders in the past for his criticism of Israel but was quick to denounce the synagogue attack at a press briefing Saturday.

“We reject this with every fiber of our being,” the mayor said. “This is where every single New Yorker should be safe, and Jewish New Yorkers should be able to go to their synagogues without having to fear for their lives.”

NYCHA plan hit with vile leaflets

Ugly antisemitic, racist and homophobic flyers have mysteriously been popping up in Chelsea, opposing an ambitious, first-of-its-kind city housing redevelopment project in the Manhattan neighborhood, a Post investigation found.

The project is a public-private partnership between the New York City Housing Authority, Essen Development and The Related Companies to demolish and replace crumbling buildings in the Fulton and Elliott-Chelsea Houses.

The massive overhaul is expected to bring 3,454 new, mixed-income homes — including up to 1,038 permanently affordable units — and has the backing of a variety of local pols, such as Mayor Mamdani, Rep. Jerry Nadler, Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal, state Sen. Erik Bottcher and City Councilman Carl Wilson.

But locals have been troubled by a series of hateful posters that have cropped up near the NYCHA complex.

One such flyer lambasted “foreign wealth dirty zionist money” and dubbed the project “Related (to zionist) Cos.”

A bizarre poster calls the fight over the redevelopment a “SOS NYCHA Holocaust Battle.”

Yet another disturbing sign said, “Locals vs. zionists, “Locals vs Epstein Clowns...Locals vs. Rothschilds, Locals vs. Talmudists. . . . Locals vs. foreign operatives.”

One poster hurled a sickening homophobic slur at Bottcher, who is gay. Another took aim at Lakeesha Miller, NYCHA’s executive vice president of leased housing, who is black, with “DEI hire?! . . . Unqualified?!”

“This kind of bigotry has absolutely no place in our city’s political discourse,” said Mamdani spokesman Sam Raskin.

NYCHA spokesman Michael Horgan said, “We strongly condemn the targeting and harassment of staff members.”

Carl Campanile and Georgett Roberts

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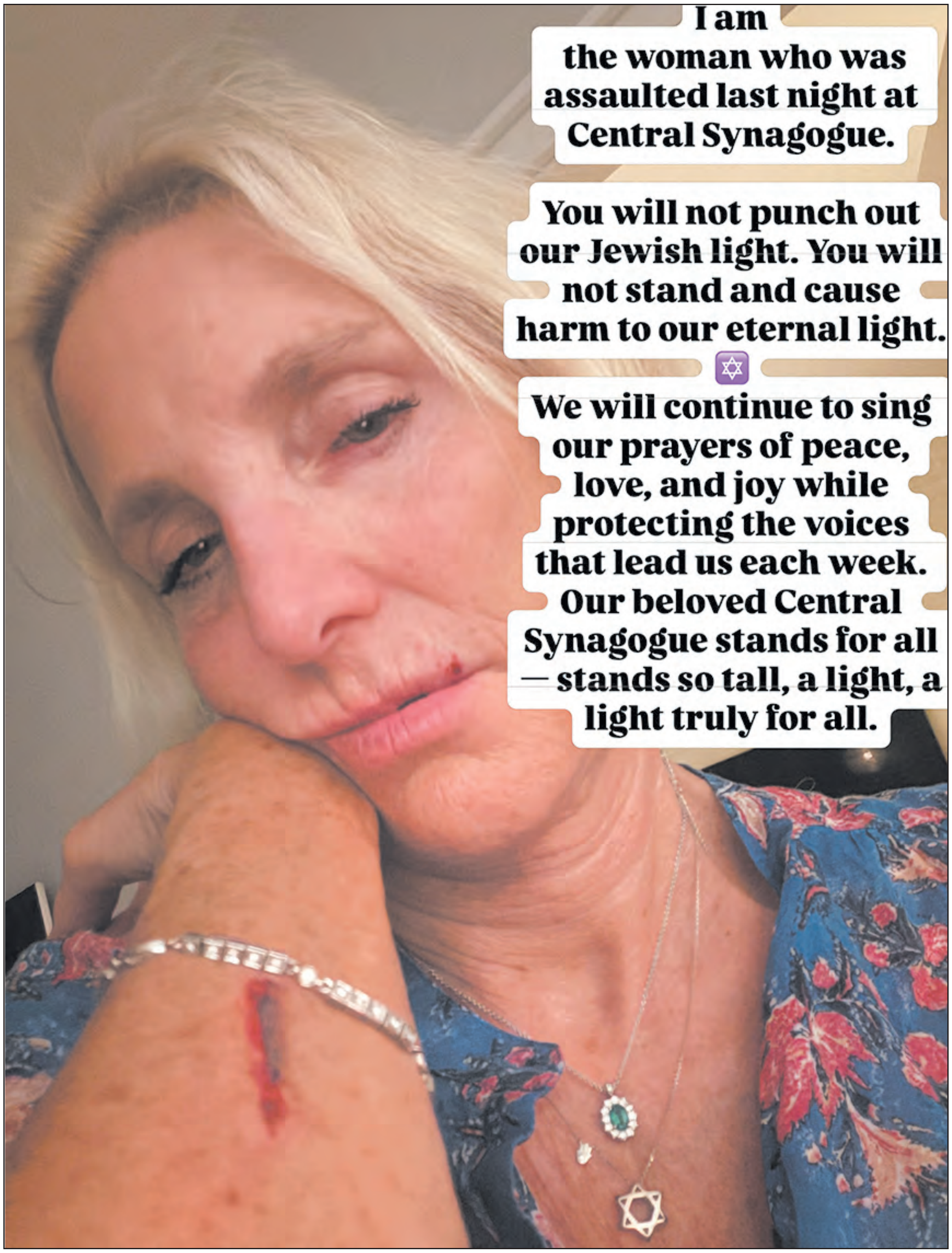

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VIOLENT RAGE: Video posted online shows Larry Montes being hauled out of the Central Synagogue on the Upper East Side after allegedly attacking a 63-year-old congregant Friday.

Hate-crime rap for crazed fiend

The accused racist lunatic who stormed into a Manhattan synagogue and attacked two people Friday while calling Jews “swine” was ordered held in lieu of $10,000 bail after being slapped with hate-crime charges.

Larry Montes, 46, launched into his unhinged attack at the prominent Central Synagogue on the Upper East Side during Shabbat services, punching a 63-year-old congregant in the face and knocking her to the ground and spitting in the face of a black security guard while calling him a “n----r,” prosecutors said.

“It was a religious thing,” the maniac later told cops, according to a criminal complaint. “It was about religion.”

Harrowing footage shared online shows the fiend shouting erratically at the front of the synagogue as prayers began around 6 p.m.

Prosecutors said Montes knocked over and shattered a pair of candles and candleholders worth $10,000 each, then slugged congregant Michele Anenberg-Poma.

Security guards and synagogue members grabbed Montes and started hauling him out, but not before he confronted a security guard near the door.

“F--k you, n----r!” Montes snapped before spitting on the guard “and head-butting him,” the complaint said.

Montes, a Bronx resident, was charged with two counts of assault as a hate crime and one count of criminal mischief as a hate crime.

Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Ali Fazal had asked for a higher bail of $50,000 in cash or a $150,000 bond, citing Montes’ earlier arrests in New York and New Jersey.

He was convicted in June of stealing headphones from a Best Buy outlet in 2024 and brandishing a knife when a security guard tried to stop him, Fazal said. Montes was also found guilty in a 2019 case of stealing deodorant from a CVS and slugging an employee who tried to intervene.

The judge set his bail at $10,000 cash or $30,000 bond,

He was still at Rikers Island on Sunday night, records say.

Marie Pohl, Ella Morrison and Jorge Fitz-Giggon

Zo’s vid-ad big first claims attack wasn’t antisemitic

The head of a major lefty video agency who shot digital video ads for Mayor Mamdani’s successful campaign made an outrageous false claim about the unhinged attacker who terrorized Jewish New Yorkers during Shabbat services at a Manhattan synagogue, The Post has learned.

“Apparently this guy was an orthodox jew who was lashing out at jews. I wouldn’t call that an ‘antisemitic attack,’ ” Debbie Saslaw claimed on X, linking to a Post story on the arrest with a headline calling it an “antisemitic attack.”

The Manhattan District Attorney’s Office charged the accused attacker, Larry Montes, with two counts of assault as a hate crime, two counts of aggravated harassment and one count of criminal mischief as a hate crime for his Friday rampage at the Central Synagogue on the Upper East Side.

Saslaw said she is no longer associated with Mamdani or his campaign.

Saslaw deleted her statement from X, but not before someone screengrabbed it — and she later acknowledged it was a hate crime.

“Sadly it’s a hate crime and i was obviously panicked when i heard early reports but saw nothing on twitter for 4 hours or so,” Saslaw said in a reply on her X account.

Contacted by The Post on Sunday, Saslaw said, “I was obviously mistaken.” *Carl Campanile*

Foul end for two fine ships

Face disposal in fetid Gowanus

Brad Vogel

By KATHERINE DONLEVY

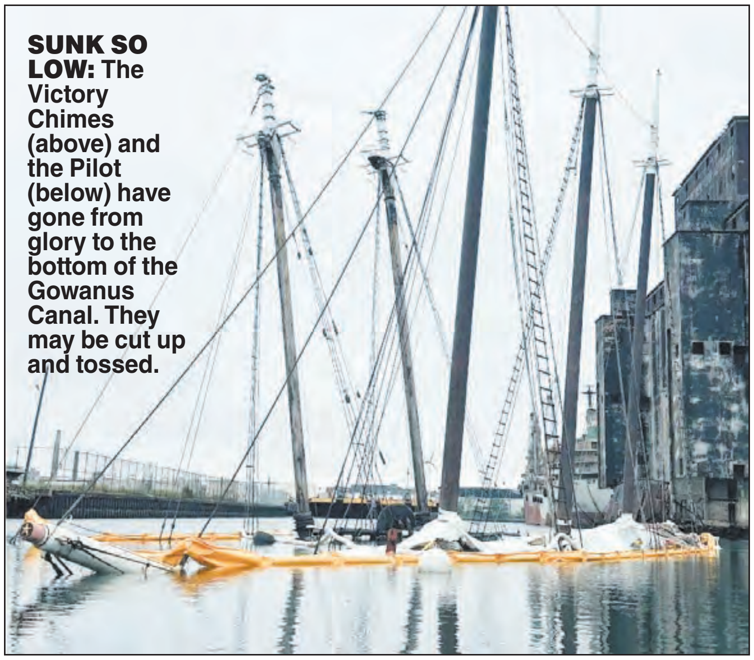
Two historic vessels — including one featured on Maine's state quarter — have been sitting at the bottom of the polluted Gowanus Canal since mysteriously sinking in July and could now be headed for the garbage heap.

The restaurateurs who own the ships may not be willing to shell out what could easily turn into millions of dollars to rescue the submerged Victory Chimes and the Pilot — a former research vessel once used by famed TV oceanographer Jacques Cousteau — from the murky Brooklyn waters and resurrect them to their former glory, sources told The Post.

"Total demolition. Garbage," an insider said of the expected plans for the schooners, which have a collective 232 years of history between them.

Alex and Miles Pincus — brothers and the owners of the company Crew that turns boats into trendy floating restaurant bars — moved their vessels into the Gowanus Canal inlet months earlier for repairs.

But the two vessels sank within days of one another in Red Hook's Henry Street Basin over the July 4 weekend. Now "there are three different scenarios," said Zdenek Ulman, the owner of Marine Diving Service who responded to the scene and secured the schooners when they sank.



SUNK SO LOW: The Victory Chimes (above) and the Pilot (below) have gone from glory to the bottom of the Gowanus Canal. They may be cut up and tossed.

"It could be refloating the vessels and bringing them to the yard to have them fixed or they could be re-floated and be scheduled for total disposal. Or they can be disassembled right at the seafloor and the seafloor would be cleared out with the demolition in place."

The brothers have not yet chosen a pathway — but an insider said the pair do not appear willing to spend the cash, especially when just refloating the boats could cost a minimum of $500,000.

That's 558% higher than the relatively bargain $75,900 that Crew bought the Victory Chimes for in 2023.

"We've been working closely with our insurers, marine salvage experts, and multiple marine surveyors to determine the best path forward for Pilot and Victory Chimes," the company said in a statement to The Post on Sunday.

"Raising wooden vessels of this size is a highly complex operation that requires specialized equipment, careful planning and extensive coordination. The vessels remain submerged as part of that ongoing process while assessments and planning continue.."

The 1924 Pilot — the longest-serving pilot, or guide, ship in US history and a former Cousteau research hub on its way to becoming a possible National Historic Landmark — had already made a name for itself as a popular floating oyster bar under the brothers' care.

The 1900 Victory Chimes — the last surviving Chesapeake Ram schooner and already a US National Historic Landmark whose image graced the Pine State's 2003 quarter — was being mapped out for a similar future.

Because there is no shore power in the obscure basin, the situation has resulted in what could be a death sentence for the vessels, since such wooden boats easily fill with water and require frequent pumping and maintenance, experts said.

Insurance will not pay for the damaged ships unless the brothers have a concrete plan for them after they are refloated.

"The Victory Chimes is in worse condition than the other, and it may not be worth it to repair," the source said. "Everything gets very pricey. The latest development is they might be leaning toward disposing both of these vessels."

The potential undignified end for the ships is especially enraging to Mainers who already had suspicions about the brothers' plans.

"Nobody liked that it was going to be turned into a bar," said Quinton Donleavy, a photographer who helped create the original website for the Victory Chimes. "To go from [the state quarter] to it just sank in a bunch of back harbor filth along with some other boat that was hopeless, it's just sad."

A mass shooting weekend

At least one person was killed and four were wounded in a mass shooting in Connecticut early Sunday — the latest in a bloody weekend of attacks that left several wounded in Chicago and Kentucky.

Cops were called to the SoulBaila nightclub in Hartford at around 1:40 a.m. to reports of a shooting and discovered a crowd of around 100 people and an unresponsive person, local outlet WTNH reported.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene and had yet to be identified.

A man in his 30s was in a critical but stable condition. Two men, one in his 20s and one in his 30s, and an adult woman were all in a stable condition.

Cops believe one gun was used in the shooting.

It came just hours after one person was killed and four were wounded in a shooting in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday evening.

A 4-year-old, a 14-year-old, and two adults were shot, with all four taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to police.

Also on Saturday evening, Chicago was hit by a drive-by mass shooting, wounding four people, two critically, WLS reported.

Anthony Blair

Hungary bus flip kills 12

A dozen people were killed and at least 10 injured after a Polish bus overturned at night on a highway in eastern Hungary, Hungarian Prime Minister Peter Magyar said on Sunday morning in a Facebook post.

The bus ran into a ditch and tipped over early on Sunday near the town of Mezokeresztes in eastern Hungary, police said, adding that the bus was heading toward the city of Nyiregyhaza on the highway when the accident happened.

State news agency MTI said there were 57 passengers and two drivers on the bus.

Reuters

SEN. BILL CASSIDY
“Potentially tragic.”

Doc hits Don over vax edict

WASHINGTON — Outgoing GOP Sen. Bill Cassidy laced into President Trump’s executive order last week requiring measles, mumps and rubella vaccines to be administered to children separately.

Cassidy (R-La.), a doctor who chairs the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, warned Trump’s executive order will have severe repercussions for children.

“If it wasn’t so potentially tragic, you would break out laughing at a comment like that,” Cassidy told CNN’s “State of the Union” Sunday about Trump’s remark that “nothing bad” can come from his executive order.

“From the perspective of the parent, now, instead of going to the doctor twice ... they have to go six times,” he said. “There’s a lot of bad things that will come out of this.

“This has the potential to decrease the protection ... against diseases which can be deadly.” *Ryan King*

Treat maker gets creamed

Ice cream maker Rebel Creamery has filed for bankruptcy after losing a packaging battle with rival Van Leeuwen — and being ordered to shell out $23.8 million.

Utah-based Rebel, which sells its low-carb Rebel Ice Cream at Walmart, Target and Kroger, filed for Chapter 11 protection Friday, The Street reported.

The move comes less than a month after federal Judge Eric Komitee found Rebel intentionally copied the packaging of New York ice cream company Van Leeuwen. *Adam Silverstein*

PANETTIERE DEAD

Getty Images

courtesy Everett Collection

HOLLYWOOD FAME: Hayden Panettiere (left in 2022) shot to stardom in “Heroes” and later as a country singer in “Nashville” (above).

‘Heroes’ phenom Hayden was 36

By ARIEL ZILBER

Hayden Panettiere, the actress who shot to fame as the indestructible cheerleader Claire Bennet on NBC’s “Heroes” before starring as country singer Juliette Barnes on “Nashville,” has died.

She was 36.

Panettiere’s father confirmed her death to ABC News on Sunday.

“It is with profound sadness that we share the tragic passing of our beloved Hayden,” Skip Panettiere said in a statement.

“She was an incredible light and a force of nature who brought immeasurable love and joy to all who knew her — and to the millions who watched her onscreen,” the statement continued.

No cause of death or details about the circumstances surrounding her death were immediately provided.

Panettiere’s shocking death came just three months after she published her deeply candid memoir, “This Is Me: A Reckoning,” in which the former child star opened up about her harrowing battles with alcohol and opioid addiction, postpartum depression, domestic abuse and the pressures of growing up in Hollywood.

The Palisades, NY, native had been working since she was a baby, appearing in commercials at just 11 months old before landing roles on the soaps “One Life to Live” and “Guiding Light.” She was homeschooled after middle school to balance her education with her grueling acting schedule.

She became one of the youngest actors to be nominated for a Grammy Award for voicing Princess Dot in the 1998 movie “A Bug’s Life” at 9 years old.

She later appeared in movies including “Remember the Titans” at 10, before becoming a household name as Claire Bennet on “Heroes,” which premiered in 2006.

She also became a star in several coming-of-age films and teen rom-coms in the early 2000s including Disney’s “Ice Princess.”

But as her career flourished, Panettiere was privately battling addiction — a struggle she would later detail publicly.

Postpartum depression

She said her drinking began to spiral after she moved to Tennessee to film “Nashville” in 2012 and worsened following the 2014 birth of her daughter, Kaya, when she also battled postpartum depression. She shares Kaya, 11, with former pro boxer Wladimir Klitschko.

An old neck injury later led her to take prescription opioids, Panettiere said, and her tolerance quickly grew into a dependency.

She first checked herself into rehab in 2015. Panettiere later returned to drinking, which she said became a crutch for dealing with anxiety and life in the public eye.

Panettiere suffered a devastating loss in February 2023, when her younger brother, Jansen, died suddenly at 28 from an undiagnosed heart condition.

Just a month before her death, Panettiere abruptly canceled an appearance at Creep I.E. Con, with her rep telling Page Six that she was dealing with “a private family matter concerning the health of an elderly relative.”

ANOTHER RING

STARS: Wedding guests included A-list actors and actresses such as Michael B. Jordan (right), Teyana Taylor (inset bottom left), who was married to ex-Knick Iman Shumpert, and Jada Pinkett-Smith. Attendees wore all black for the nuptials.

BACKGRID

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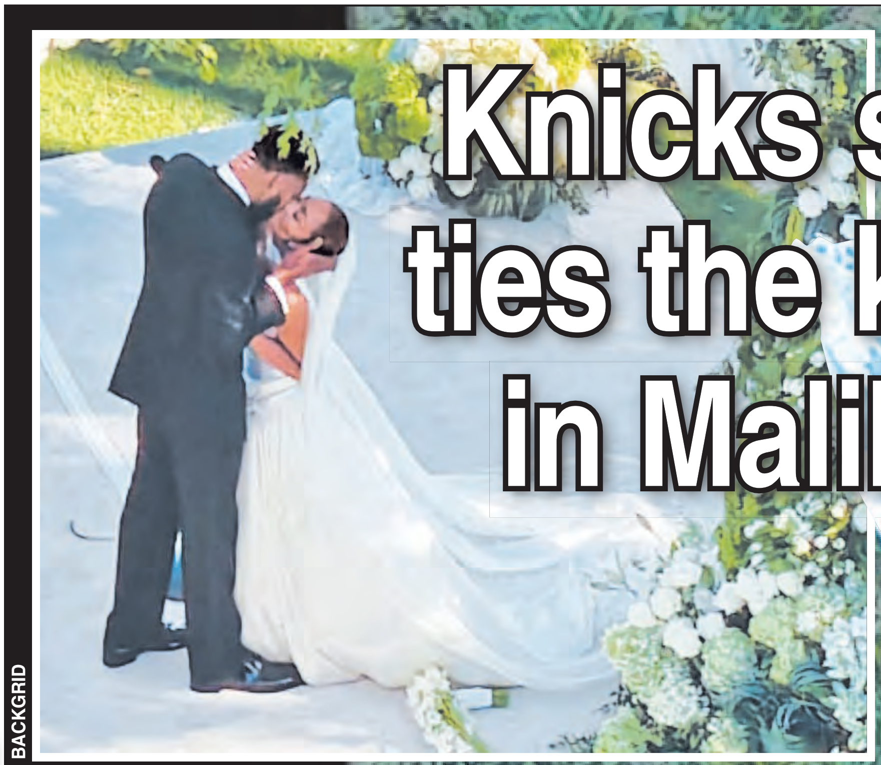
Knicks star ties the knot in Malibu



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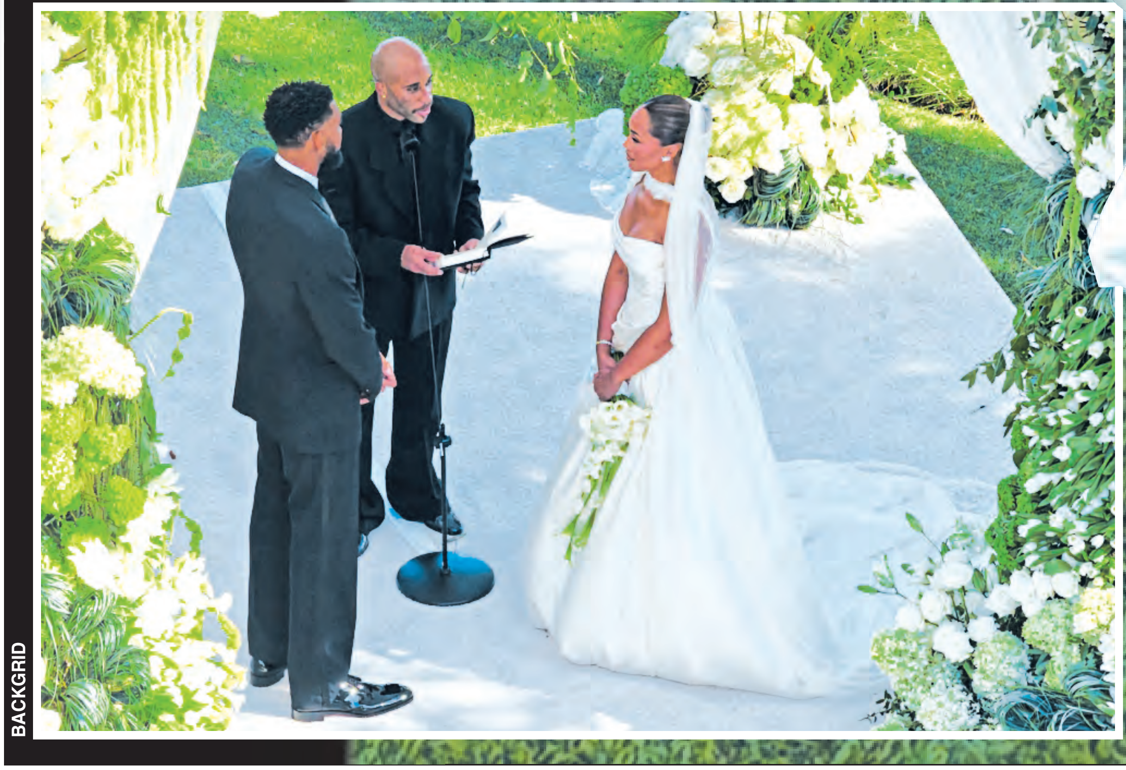

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By DESIREE MURPHY, VANESSA SERNA and TAMANTHA RYAN

Karl-Anthony Towns and Jordyn Woods are officially husband and wife!

The Knicks star and the model tied the knot during a star-studded black-tie ceremony in Malibu, Calif., on Saturday, per photos obtained by Page Six.

The picture-perfect outdoor venue overlooked the Pacific Ocean and was decorated with white florals.

Woods stunned in a strapless, floor-length white gown and a matching chiffon train. She also added a lace scarf around her collarbone. The groom looked dapper in a classic black tuxedo and black dress shoes.

Among the A-list attendees were Kylie Jenner, Timothée Chalamet, Justin Bieber, Hailey Bieber, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Teyana Taylor, Gayle King, Michael B. Jordan, Ben Stiller and Christine Taylor. Several of Towns' Knicks teammates were in attendance, including OG Anunoby, Jalen Brunson and Josh Hart.

Guests left the venue wearing customized hoodies that read "Married in 5" — an homage to the Knicks winning the NBA title in five games — and were seen carrying Fanatics party favors and In-N-Out cups.

Additionally, the guests wore black for the nuptials.

As Page Six previously reported, Woods, 28, and Towns, 30, struck up a romance in 2020 after meeting through mutual friends years before.

"I found you, then I found me," Woods captioned a social media post in September 2020, when the two became Instagram-official.

Towns added in his own post at the time, "There are darknesses in life and there are lights, and

FOR KAT

BIG DAY: New York Knicks star Karl-Anthony Towns and model Jordyn Woods exchanged vows while surrounded by white flowers. He wore a classic black tuxedo; the bride donned a strapless, floor-length white gown and a matching chiffon train.

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SUPERFANS: Kylie Jenner and Timothée Chalamet (top, middle), Ben Stiller and Christine Taylor (left) and Justin and Hailey Bieber were in attendance.

you are one of the lights, the light of all lights."

While the NBA star didn't elaborate, he alluded to being given a "5 percent chance" of living after a semi-truck hit his car in 2019.

Then in April 2020, his mom died due to complications of COVID-19 at the age of 58. That same year, he was hospitalized after being hit by a drunken driver during the NBA's off-season.

While Woods and Towns weren't romantically together at the time of the tragedies, they kept each other close, with the latter also helping his now-wife through the loss of her father, John Woods, in 2017.

"He lost his mom, she lost her dad. That strengthened the bond for sure," an insider close to the couple shared in June.

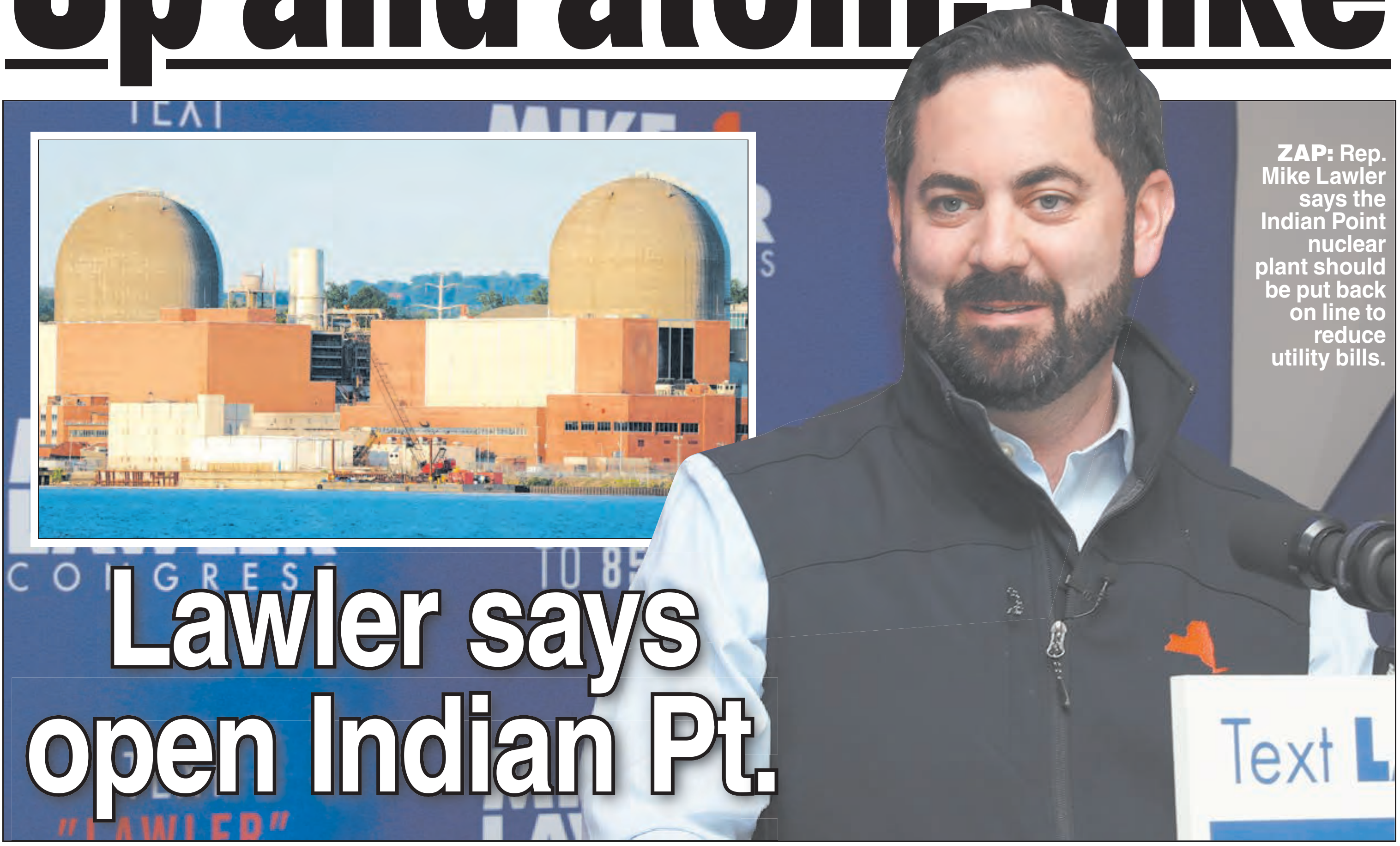
Towns also praised Jordyn for staying by his side in a sweet 2021 tribute, writing, "My woman has held me down more than the world knows."

"From my mother and family members dying (1 on her bday in Cabo), getting hit by a drunk driver (was 2pm in the afternoon FYI) in LA and staying with me in the hospital for the night and helping me in rehab, to this stint with COVID she has been there with me every step of the way and stay, ten toes down," he wrote.

Jordyn has often been spotted courtside cheering for him throughout the NBA season. She was also front and center as Towns went on to help the Knicks win the 2026 NBA Finals — marking the team's first championship title in 53 years.

Jordyn would travel from California to Minnesota to visit her beau, who played for the Timberwolves until 2024, until he was traded to the Knicks, and they moved to New York together.

Up and atom, Mike



Tomas E. Gaston

ZAP: Rep. Mike Lawler says the Indian Point nuclear plant should be put back on line to reduce utility bills.

Lawler says open Indian Pt.

By CARL CAMPANILE

The battle for this tossup New York House seat is going nuclear.

Republican Hudson Valley Rep. Mike Lawler is pitching a plan to reopen the Indian Point power plant in a bid to reverse New Yorkers' skyrocketing energy bills.

"The fact is, there's no better-positioned site for energy generation in the Hudson Valley than Indian Point. The transmission lines are already built and sitting there idle," Lawler told The Post in a recent interview.

"That site supplied a quarter of this region's power before Albany shut it down, and electricity costs have jumped 58 percent since then," he said.

"New York should be leading on next-generation nuclear, and it should start right here at Indian Point."

The two-term congressman's campaign slammed his Democratic rival, Cait Conley, for vehemently opposing reopening Indian Point, which closed in 2021 under then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

"Cait Conley told a debate audience that Indian Point is 'probably why I glow at night,' and told a Sierra Club forum that reopening it is 'dumb,' " said Lawler campaign spokesman Ciro Riccardi.

"Hudson Valley families staring down electric bills that are up 58 percent aren't laughing."

The mothballed plant, which provided 25% of New York City's electricity with zero-emissions nuclear energy, is located along the Hudson River in the village of Buchanan in northern Westchester, part of the swing 17th Congressional District.

It's closure coincided with Cuomo and Democrats in the state Legislature approving a controversial climate change law that set the state on a swift embrace of renewable energy.

The law was scaled back this year by Cuomo's successor, Gov. Hochul, who feared the green energy mandates would trigger even higher costs as she seeks reelection in November.

Opposed by Hochul

Hochul, who was lieutenant governor when Indian Point closed, sought to distance herself from Cuomo's decision, saying it was "done in haste."

But she opposes reopening a nuclear plant at the site.

Lawler visited Indian Point in March with US Energy Secretary Chris Wright, urging Hochul to reopen the facility.

Lawler's campaign, meanwhile, accused Conley of caving to radical environmental activists, and of having "no energy plan."

"Cait Conley won't say one critical word about the Albany Democrats who broke this grid, because the radical climate activist base she answers to won't allow it," Riccardi said.

"She'd rather keep her endorsements while your utility bills climb higher."

Voters in recent polls cited pocketbook concerns such as the overall high cost of living in New York — and gas and electric bills in particular — as top concerns.

A recent analysis of federal data found that New York has the third-highest electricity costs in the country, trailing only Hawaii and California.

Conley promoted her opposition to reopening Indian Point during the Democratic primary, and defends it now, calling the facility "broken and decrepit."

Sad 'admission' on Berkeley entry standards

A well-known University of California-Berkeley mathematics professor has slammed admissions standards at the top-flight university — where she says huge portions of her students are failing to keep up with college calculus and she's forced to teach middle-school algebra and fractions to students.

"Some students are five to eight years behind in mathematics. Office hours that should be spent discussing integrals instead become lessons on fractions and basic algebra you would expect students to learn in middle school," Zvezdelina Stankova, of UC Berkeley, wrote in an op-ed piece on Saturday for the San Francisco Standard.

Stankova — who rose through the mathematics world to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard after being born in communist Bulgaria — described the admissions process as "less like careful evaluation and more like chance."

Stankova has long been an evangelist for teaching math and founded the Berkeley Math Circle as well as a local math competition for high school kids — but she says the standards for students at the country's most elite public university have made its students a laughing stock.

She is one of thousands of faculty members who earlier this year signed open letters calling for the restoration of the SAT and ACT in admissions to ensure the best students get in. *Anthony Blair*

$105M buggy kill suit

The family of the 18-year-old tourist who was killed during a Central Park carriage ride will sue the city for $105 million — claiming a freak electrical current made the horse bolt.

Romanch Mahajan's kin maintain the teen was thrown to his death after the horse got spooked by the stray voltage and took off as the driver snapped a photo of the family, which was visiting from India, according to documents cited by The New York Times.

The notice of claim — a document announcing an intent to sue — was filed Friday, citing Con Edison and several city agencies, the Times reported.

It claims the utility and Big Apple officials knew there was a "stray voltage" problem at the site before the June 17 tragedy, yet failed to address it, according to the report.

The filing comes as the City Council weighs a ban on the historic carriage rides, which have been part of the Manhattan landscape for well over a century.

Mahajan, his parents and his 11-year-old brother had arrived from India for a dream vacation three days before the teen was tossed from a buggy, smashed his head on the ground and died. *Jorge Fitz-Gibbon*

15 street busts on LI

Long Island cops chased hooligans from town to town to thwart massive weekend street takeovers before finally nailing them wildly burning rubber and busting 15 of them.

The Suffolk County Police Department's Street Takeover Task Force moved in on the scofflaws Saturday just after midnight as the road rabble-rousers shut down a street in Medford, where the reckless drivers were drag-racing and performing donuts, burnouts and other dangerous stunts, officials said.

Police had been tracking the group since Friday night. *Brandon Cruz*

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A fertile divide of left/right

STICKING POINT: Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in an Instagram takes a hormone shot that forces her ovaries to emit eggs for harvesting.

Instagram / @AOC

ALEXANDRIA Ocasio-Cortez's very public fertility journey is one of the saddest stories of our time.

The 36-year-old New York democratic socialist congresswoman has been filming herself in livestreams on Instagram all week, injecting her stomach with hormones and narrating her longshot efforts to extend her fertility by freezing her eggs.

"Usually I keep my private life quite private," she tells the audience of millions who have watched her videos, "but I have made the decision to start freezing my eggs."

Good on AOC for acknowledging she wants to be a mother, even if it's not at the top of her list of priorities.

But she is living out the feminist left's antiquated mythology of "having it all" — updated with the false promise from the increasingly popular egg freezing industry that you can easily outwit Mother Nature.

"Maybe in life you can't have everything," she says. "But here's the secret: You can have a hell of a lot."

AOC is admirably trying to answer the primal maternal urge almost every woman feels, even if they are pressured to deny it.

But she also is single, with The New York Times reporting that she has split from her long-term fiancé and college sweetheart, Riley Roberts.

No guarantee

She also is being touted as a potential presidential candidate in 2028, a startling concept that she has half-jokingly refused to rule out in interviews.

Her dating status is another age-old story. Now she finds herself at 36, still beautiful, considered youthful by the standards of the day, but with ovaries that stubbornly remain in nature's grip. From the age of 35 a woman's fertility falls off a cliff.

AOC is trying to outsmart the process by using hormone injections to force her ovaries to emit six to 10 eggs at once which are then removed and frozen in the uncertain hope that they can be successfully thawed and fertilized when she's ready to become a mother.

It's the same intractably unfair imbalance between the sexes that generations of women have been forced to confront.

For half a century, women have been misled into believing fertility can be controlled. It can be denied, but there is no guarantee that motherhood can be postponed until you are ready.

In the same week that AOC was pumping hormones on Instagram, Karoline Leavitt announced she was leaving her job as White House press secretary to spend more time with her children.

It is the perfect juxtaposition of the increasingly divergent views of motherhood on the right and the left.

Leavitt, at 28, already has two children and has built an enormously successful career with multiple options available when she chooses to step back into the workforce full time.

She didn't allow fear of missing out on career prospects daunt her motherhood goals, and that boldness is a mark primarily of conservative women that has led to what the Institute for Family Studies calls "ideological fertility divide."

An IFS study in June of 7,000 Americans ages 18-54 found that, while birthrates have been declining precipitously throughout the United States since the Great Recession, a fertility "gap" has emerged between the American left and right.

Conservatives have more children than liberals do: an average of 1.40 compared to 1.09 children for liberals, the study found.

Of those respondents with no children, 51% are liberals compared to 40% for conservatives.

The divide may have to do with differing attitudes to parenting: whereas 36% of liberals view parenting as "very complicated, difficult, and stressful," only 24% of conservatives do.

The willing self-sacrifice involved in the maternal impulse is viewed by leftists as some sort of patriarchal construct to enslave women, rather than a joy and the ultimate portal to adult fulfillment.

The leftist constantly bucks against nature, whether it's denying sex differences or relying on technology to indefinitely postpone motherhood.

Mothers are recategorized as "chest feeder," "birthing parent" or simply "bleeders."

Abortion crazed

We have a Supreme Court justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson, who doesn't know what a woman is.

Social media is awash with videos of men posing as women who pretend to have period pains or in the case of a transgender Democratic Senate candidate in Maine, Ashley Webb, claiming he experiences a monthly period from his anus.

The left's acknowledgment of the reality of motherhood is abortion, abortion, abortion, with a smattering of "free" childcare promises sprinkled in.

Abortion for them is the neatest solution and they have managed to transition from the Clinton era's "safe, legal and rare" to the ghoulish glee of Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey's ceremony last week to celebrate her signing of a law that allows abortion up to the moment of birth.

The baby boom at the White House suggests conservative women have found an alternative. And it's not the trad wife/Handmaid's Tale dystopia the NYT was quick to sneeringly depict.

The Gray Lady noted that Leavitt, Second Lady Usha Vance and Katie Miller, wife of White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller, were all pregnant at the same time and insinuated that their glowing public images were part of some neo-natalist plot by the White House.

The truth is that Donald Trump, a grandfather of 11, loves having babies around the White House.

When she announced her pregnancy, Leavitt thanked Trump and White House chief of staff Susie Wiles "for their support, and for fostering a pro-family environment in the White House."

Wiles — the first female White House chief of staff and a grandmother — told me on Pod Force One that women can indeed have it all, just not all at once.

"When my children were little, I stayed home because I couldn't go jetting off to Washington when we lived in Ponte Vedra, Florida," said Wiles.

"And then when they were grown and out of the house . . . I thought it was time to leave home. . . . And now I'm back."

She doesn't gloss over the difficulties of her pioneering trajectory, which included a divorce.

"I did take 11 years pretty much out of this business . . . I didn't know whether I could or whether this career had passed me by. And it hadn't. But it's not the easiest thing to do."

Wiles goes out of her way to make the Trump White House family friendly

'Not one size fits all'

"You can't be your best at work if you're worried about your children, worried about your daycare, worried about whether the nanny's sick on a given day.

"So hopefully we make it as comfortable as the White House can be for young moms, young parents, young dads."

Conservative women seem to understand better that in a long life, there are "seasons" to careers and child rearing, as independent Women's Forum CEO Heather Higgins puts it.

"There will be seasons when you focus on one and seasons when you focus on another. But it's not one size fits all because if you want that kind of society, we might as well have burkas," Higgins told the PragerU podcast "Real Talk" earlier this month.

"Life is not perfect."

No it's not, but that doesn't mean women should be fearful.

Good luck to AOC. May she find what she is looking for, preferably not the White House.

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

Help is on the way for Lincoln

By RONNY REYES

The US is moving its last aircraft carrier out of the Pacific to replace the USS Abraham Lincoln — which is heading back after the longest American naval deployment since the Cold War.

The USS George Washington is departing the South China Sea and is set to replace the Lincoln in the Middle East after it is returning home following concerns over supply and mental health issues aboard the vessel.

The GW's deployment demonstrates the Trump's administration's full focus on the Iran war — but analysts fear the lack of firepower in the Pacific may embolden China to take action during America's absence.

"They're using this as part of the narrative to demonstrate to the Philippines, to Japan, to Indonesia and others that the US is not the big dog in the western Pacific anymore," Bryan Clark, a former Navy submariner who is now a defense analyst at the Hudson Institute, told the Associated Press.

Global strategy

"They would just prefer that countries in the region decide that China is the bigger power and the US is not able to guarantee their security anymore," he added.

The American naval movement coincides with new sea exercises China conducted as a show of force against the Philippines and Japan, two key US allies.

Adm. Frank Bradley, head of the US Special Operations Command, has been on damage control, with the military official traveling to Manila on Thursday to reassure the Philippines of America's commitments in the Pacific.

"We have the ability to project force, the United States, anywhere on the globe," Bradley told The Associated Press. "And when the threat in the region of the Middle East has been attended to, we will redeploy and reorient and be able to project that force wherever else it might be required."

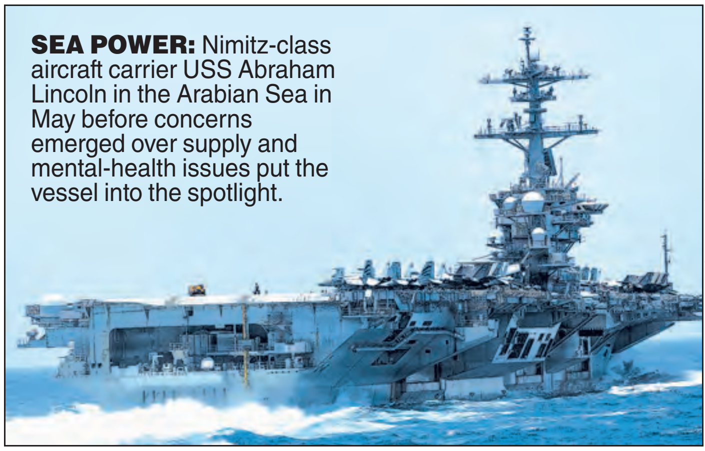
"I also feel very confident in the Armed Forces of the Philippines' ability to protect their sovereignty here and for us to remain close with them," he said.

The USS George Washington's re-deployment came after reports emerged last week of dire conditions and suicide attempts aboard the Lincoln.

The USS Abraham Lincoln's deployment from San Diego began Nov. 21, 2025 — exceeding the standard six-month stint, with sailors and their families protesting the conditions on the ship.

Trump and Acting Navy Secretary Hung Cao downplayed the concerns, with Cao traveling to the ship over the weekend to assess the situation and confirm that the sailors would be coming home.

The US will likely have to scale back its aircraft carrier presence in other parts of the world because the shuffle might result in a bottleneck at the nation's only two carrier shipyards, Clark added. *With Wires*



SEA POWER: Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln in the Arabian Sea in May before concerns emerged over supply and mental-health issues put the vessel into the spotlight.

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Tehran aims to erode US resolve: Newt

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — Iran is wearing down the American public to defeat the US politically — attempting to copy North Vietnam's playbook against President Trump, according to former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

And electing Democrats to Congress in November will play right into their hands, he told John Catsimatidis on his "Cats Roundtable" radio show Sunday.

Gingrich theorized that Tehran is banking on Democrats roaring back to power and opening a bevy of investigations into Trump that will keep him distracted from achieving his military objectives.

"The North Vietnamese knew they could never defeat us militarily, but they could defeat us politically," Gingrich said.

Poll concerns

"Their whole effort was designed to get the American news media to turn against the war, and then to have the American political system break and conclude that it couldn't sustain [the war]," he added.

"The Iranians have a strategy very much like the North Vietnamese communists. Their goal is to survive, to not give in to anything basic."

Polls have shown that the war

7 powers join prez Gaza pitch

Four major Arab nations and three other Muslim-majority powers are joining with President Trump to push for a US-backed Gaza peace deal — even as Israel rejected the plan and carried on with airstrikes in the Palestinian enclave.

Special envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner met with Hamas officials and mediators in the latest talks to salvage the deal, a Middle East diplomat told Reuters.

Kushner and Trump's Board of Peace envoy for Gaza, Nickolay Mladenov, are scheduled to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday in an attempt to get the Jewish state on board after it rejected the president's plan as "unacceptable."

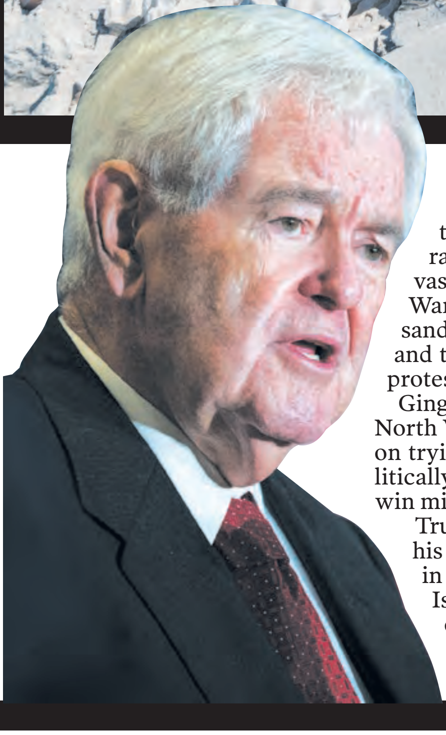
Egypt, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE joined Turkey, Pakistan and Indonesia — three major Muslim-majority nations — on Sunday to condemn Israel's opposition to Trump's peace plan, warning that it could sink the deal and reignite the conflict in war-torn Gaza.

Netanyahu said last week that Israel fully rejects the 15-point peace plan and said his forces would not withdraw from Gaza until Hamas no longer poses a threat to his country.

Hamas officials have called on the US to pressure Netanyahu to follow Trump's roadmap and end the war. *Ronny Reyes*, Wires

OF VIETNAM

FAMILIAR: Despite the military pounding Iran has taken, ex-House Speaker Newt Gingrich (bottom) says Tehran's aim is to wear down US public opinion, as Ho Chi Minh's (opposite) Vietnam did.



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in Iran is unpopular, but Trump has conducted it through an air campaign rather than a full-blown invasion as in the Vietnam War, which had tens of thousands of American casualties and triggered intense anti-war protests at home.

Gingrich stressed that, like North Vietnam, Iran is "focusing on trying to win in America politically what they can't possibly win militarily."

Trump has long declared that his chief objective of the war in Iran is to ensure that the Islamist regime does not obtain a nuclear weapon.

In response to the war, Iran has wreaked havoc in the Strait of Hormuz, where nearly a fifth of the world's seaborne oil supplies once flowed annually. It has caused gas prices to spike heading into the midterm elections.

Arms supply

Concerns about the supplies of munitions needed to both carry out additional strikes on Iran and defend from the regime's attacks on US assets in the regime have reportedly loomed large over Trump's decision to hold off on resuming a major offensive against Tehran.

Meanwhile, Trump has kept up the pressure on Iran through a naval blockade and an ever-tightening sanctions regimen that have led to soaring inflation and severe economic pain.

Trump has claimed that his team is "semi-negotiating" with Iran as the Pentagon scrambles to ramp up production of critical air defense and cruise missiles.

"After we finish defeating Iran, which is being very badly defeated — pretty soon I'll be declaring the Hormuz Strait a territory of the United States," Trump crowed during a rally for Republicans on Long Island last week.

The president also claimed that temporary higher costs at the gas pump are worth it to ensure that Iran does not obtain a nuclear weapon.

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Regime eyes curb on speech

Iran's parliament is pushing a new bill that could put Iranians in prison for up to two years just for speaking out about the country to US or Israeli media.

The bill would criminalize interviews and communications with the media deemed hostile to the Islamic Republic, according to local reports.

Under the proposed bill, openly sharing information with the world of what's happening inside Iran that isn't approved by the regime would result in a sentence of six months to two years in prison, the Shargh newspaper reported.

Interviews with foreign media, like the ones that have come out of Tehran during the war, would require the permission of Iran's intelligence ministry.

The proposed crackdown on free speech for the country's 93 million people comes amid a recent wave of reports of Iranians struggling to make ends meet as the war with the US drags on toward its sixth month.

Soaring inflation and unemployment have led some in the Islamic Republic to reportedly start stealing food or forgo medical treatment to save money.

Ronny Reyes, With Wires

Bounty on 'invaders'

Tehran's military chief put out a $30,000 reward for anyone who kills or captures a US soldier — with the reward doubled for Iranian women — but it remains unclear how they can carry out the orders.

Iranian army chief Amir Hatami said there were a "large number of requests" for bounties to be put on the American soldiers despite the lack of US ground forces in Iran.

"Anyone who kills or captures and hands over an invading American military personnel will receive a reward equivalent to $30,000 or 5 billion tomans from the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army," Hatami told IRNA.

Ronny Reyes

Zo nom objection

Compared homeowners to 'cartels'

By HANNAH FIERICK

Center For Urban Pedagogy/SplashNews.com

OUT OF LINE: Department of City Planning housing Director John Mangin's previous comments aren't sitting well with the City Council.

Mayor Mamdani's pick for a key housing post once likened wealthy homeowners to "cartels" — prompting some City Council members to push back on the controversial nominee.

John Mangin, the current Department of City Planning housing director, was tapped by Mamdani in June to chair the Board of Standards and Appeals, an independent agency that can grant exceptions to the strict zoning rules for new construction projects.

"Many council members are concerned about some of his prior statements," Council Speaker Julie Menin said during an unrelated press conference Thursday. But she insisted, "I want to be clear: We are a pro-housing council."

Mangin, in a 2014 Stanford Law and Policy Review article, ripped "wealthy homeowner cartels," accusing them of needlessly blocking new housing developments in "high-demand, high-cost neighborhoods" because of anxiety over their own property values and taxes.

"The housing advocacy community tends to argue for a 'kludgy' set of policies that can actually prevent new development and end up increasing housing prices," the Yale University Law School grad wrote — specifically bashing commonplace "community benefit agreements" between developers and the neighborhoods they seek to build in.

He also called out "downzoning," in which changes to zoning rules are restricted for a variety of reasons, including maintaining an area's historic look and preventing urban sprawl.

At least half of the council's 51 members will need to approve Mangin's appointment — but several have been voicing their opposition, saying his policies are in "direct conflict" with theirs, Politico first reported last week.

'Going to be a concern'

"We represent these communities. We have to go back to these communities and we realize what our communities need," said Bronx Councilman Kevin Riley, who serves as chair of the Land-Use Committee. "When you have such a high opposition to that, that's going to be a concern to a lot of members within the council."

Community benefit agreements are typically legal contracts between developers and local community groups. Companies agree to provide benefits like monetary contributions, local amenities or even jobs in neighborhoods affected by their large-scale construction.

Mangin, as a policy director, played a crucial role in then-Mayor Eric Adams' Charter Revision Commission that got a series of pro-housing ballot measures on the ballot in November last year.

'Uncomfortable'

Voters approved those measures to speed up construction of affordable development citywide despite vehement opposition from the council, which claimed their and community voices in the process would be undermined as a result.

The Board of Standards and Appeals gained more power this year as a result of the measures, with the five-member agency now being able to bypass certain zoning laws for affordable housing projects.

"On the face of it, a majority of members would be uncomfortable voting for him as it stands now," one lawmaker told Politico.

"I believe we've made the best possible pick for this position," Mamdani said last week.

Menin said Mangin hasn't reached out to her or members for a meeting, and neither a hearing for his appointment nor a final vote has been scheduled.

Socialist lean for Dems

Democrats now overwhelmingly have a more favorable view of socialism than capitalism, according to a shocking new poll.

Nearly 60% of party members support socialism compared to 18% who view it negatively, while 32% have a favorable view of capitalism compared to 50% who see it as negative, according to the CBS News/YouGov survey.

The poor marks for capitalism among Democrats get even worse when narrowed down to those who have a college degree, with 71% of that group favoring socialism compared to 16% viewing it unfavorably, the poll showed.

The disturbing findings come as Democrats are engaged in a "battle for the soul" of their party.

Democratic Socialists of America-allied candidates have had a series of breakthrough victories in Democratic primaries across the country throughout this year's election cycle.

Most of those wins have occurred in blue strongholds, but top DSA figures have made it clear they want to take over the Democratic Party and shift it dramatically leftward.

But the poll found that the general public is not fully convinced that socialism is superior to capitalism.

Among the general public, capitalism is viewed as 46% positive to 35% negative, while socialism is considered 35% positive and 42% negative.

When asked about the free market, an overwhelming 66% of respondents said it was good for the economy, compared to 34% who called it bad. *Ryan King*

$1M green-job grift: lawsuit

A green-job grifter recruited dozens of standout college students for summer work at his startup, then stiffed them to the tune of nearly $1 million, according to a federal class-action suit.

Mathata "Moe" Mpela — the Brooklyn-based founder of Nalane Green Solutions — hired more than 20 college and graduate students to help run his "Green Apprentice Program," promising them between $22 and $40 an hour to mentor kids at Transit Tech HS in East New York on green tech.

Mpela, when asked about the allegedly owed money, reputedly blamed delays on a New York state grant.

The plaintiffs' lawyers called the excuse a blatant lie, claiming that grant couldn't have even gone toward owed wages.

Mpela gave The Post similar excuses over the alleged missing wages while insisting he only owes $53,000.

Peter Senzamici

Man dies in NYPD custody

A man died after suffering a medical episode while in custody at an NYPD station house Friday, sources said.

Officers responded to a call about a "violent male" with a weapon at a home on East 119th Street between Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue in Harlem around 11:30 a.m. and took the 64-year-old into custody, then to the 25th Precinct station at 120 East 119th St., the sources said.

Cops asked him if he needed medical attention when he arrived at the precinct at 12:15 p.m., but he said no, according to the source.

He began suffering a medical episode about five minutes later, the source said.

An ambulance rushed him to Mount Sinai Hospital in critical condition, according to police.

He was declared dead just before 1:30 p.m., police said.

His identity was pending family notification, cops said. *Tina Moore*

‘Yellowstone’ creator tough on stars: sources

BET THE RANCH: Hit-making writer Taylor Sheridan (center) has brought new success to actors like Helen Mirren and Harrison Ford — but clashed with Kevin Costner (below).

HARD-RIDING SHOWRUNNER

By SARA NATHAN

Working for “Yellowstone” creator Taylor Sheridan is not for the faint of heart.

The man who shepherded huge hits on to our screens is a “frustrated actor” with a “big ego,” according to those who have worked for him.

Former A-lister Ed Harris recently griped he was “misled” by a role on Sheridan’s “Dutton Ranch,” saying he told his team to “get me the f--k out of here,” while “Lioness” star Zoe Saldaña said Sheridan tells his stars: “You have one of two choices. You either accept the challenge and make sure that you don’t f--k up . . . or you quit.”

But it can’t be denied he’s breathed new life into the careers of stars like Helen Mirren, Harrison Ford, Demi Moore and Michelle Pfeiffer, raking them in multimillion-dollar pay days in the process.

But, while many people swear by Sheridan and say he is fiercely loyal, things don’t always work out.

He no longer talks to “Yellowstone” star Kevin Costner after their public fallout toward the end of the show’s fifth and final season, Page Six is told.

‘Not necessarily nice’

Sheridan, 56, is now quitting Paramount, the network where his shows found a fanatical audience, for NBCUniversal, in a deal valued at $1 billion.

Those who know him paint a picture of a cowboy wannabe who keeps a horse trailer at his “Landman” base camp and is often seen riding around set.

“Here’s the deal about Taylor,” actress Jill Wanger told Decider earlier this month, “He’s not necessarily always nice. He’s fair and if he tells you he’s going to do something, he does it. And that’s rare in the industry.”

Wagner co-created the Paramount+ series “Special Ops: Lioness” with her husband David Lemanowicz, and pitched the concept to Sheridan, her former acting coach.

She also stars as CIA operative Bobby and serves as an executive producer on the show, while Sheridan plays Sergeant Major Cody Spears.

“I don’t mean that there’s not tough parts about him and that he is always nice,” she said, “[But] when I called him and asked him to do the show, he could’ve very well taken it and did it on his own,” she said.

“He didn’t, and he’s included me in every step along the way,” she added. “He wants me to learn. And I think that’s incredible. And I also know he’s very loyal to his friends and the people he works with . . . He tends to lift people up, and that’s really special.”

Sheridan is co-writing and producing a live-action Call of Duty film for Paramount Pictures and Activision, scheduled for theatrical release June 30, 2028. He is collaborating with director and co-writer Peter Berg on the project, which is set within the franchise’s gritty Modern Warfare universe.

“They are both big d--k swingers for control on [their] set,” one Hollywood source told us. “So it should be interesting to see how it works out.”

Working solo

Sheridan famously works alone and wrote all the scripts for “Yellowstone” by himself before the show ended in December 2024.

Similarly, he now writes “Landman” and his “Yellowstone” universe spinoffs, “1883” and “1923” alone. However, there is a writer’s room on other shows he created, like Sylvester Stallone’s “Tulsa King.”

He’s come a long way since being a TV actor in 2011, down to his last $800 when he sold his first screenplay — later made into “Sicario” with Emily Blunt.

“I was a fair actor, but that’s all I was ever going to be,” Sheridan admitted to The Hollywood Reporter in 2023.

“Hollywood will tell you what you’re supposed to do, if you listen. If you’re banging your head against the wall for 20 years trying to be an actor, maybe you shouldn’t be an actor.

“But the first thing I ever wrote got me meetings at every major network, at every agency. I had multiple people trying to buy it.”

‘Big ego’

In 2018, “Yellowstone” debuted on the Paramount Network and within a few years, ratings exploded.

Costner took on the role of the powerful patriarch, John Dutton III, winning a Golden Globe for his work in 2023.

As Page Six revealed, Sheridan ended “Yellowstone” after clashing with Costner — claiming he was “disappointed” by his decision to exit the series. Costner’s character was unceremoniously killed off.

The star, meanwhile, announced his three-part “Horizon” homesteading saga. While promoting the spinoff in 2024, Costner claimed the “Yellowstone” team had not been telling the “truth” about his decision to quit.

While “Yellowstone” has produced a several successful spinoffs, “The Horizon Saga” was a flop.

Although Costner and Sheridan no longer talk, a source says there aren’t a lot of hard feelings like people think.

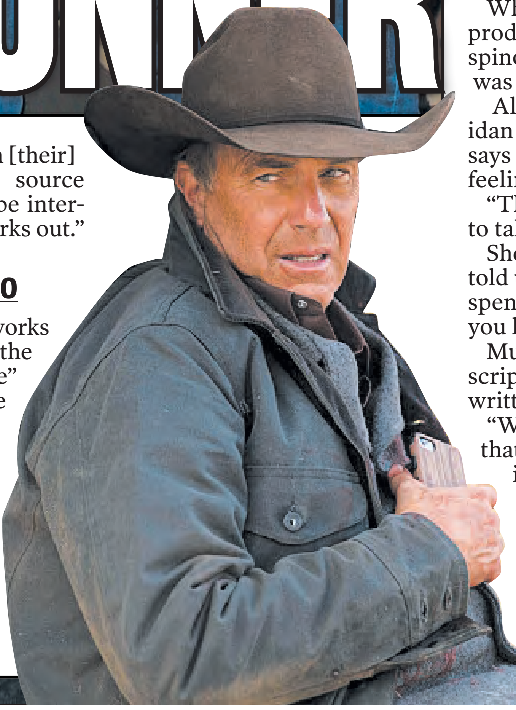
“There is no reason for them to talk,” the source said.

Sheridan, an industry insider told us, has a “big ego” and will spend “half an hour showing you how to rope a horse.”

Multiple sources say his scripts are always acted as written, with no improvisation.

“When you get that script, that’s the script you’re shooting,” Michael Kelly, who plays CIA Deputy Director of Operations Byron Westfield in “Lioness,” told Decider.

Additional reporting by Karen Kemmerle and Nathaniel Grant



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Koch in compound glow up

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JULIA Koch, the second-richest woman in America, may not be on the social scene, but she is keeping busy.

We hear the famously private socialite has been creating a family compound in the Hamptons, complete with multimillion-dollar renovations.

Koch, who is worth an estimated $81.2 billion, owns two homes on Meadow Lane in Southampton, also known as Billionaire Lane. She quietly scooped up another nearby plot for $33.5 million in the past year, we hear.

A source revealed she is creating a "family compound" for her three children with late husband David, who died in 2019 at 79.

We hear Koch has been busy updating the homes to the tune of millions of dollars, especially one she purchased in 2022 for slightly below $75 million that needs a full renovation to "bring it up to date and make it more modern," our source said.

When the property first came on the market, one report described it as a "22,000-square-foot Tudor-style fixer-upper." Additionally, it has 500 feet of beach frontage and 15 bedrooms.

A neighbor told Page Six at the time that the home "had fallen into a bit of a state of disrepair. They're in the very early stages of exploring different options [for restoration] — and that might be years away."

She also owns an $18 million mansion on the street, which is known for having wealthy residents including **Leon Black** and **Jay Sugarman**.

Koch has built a reputation for being the queen of stellar redos. She previously tapped A-list designer **Peter Marino** to work on her $40 million Upper East Side townhouse.

She also received the Ballinger Award for restoration or rehabilitation of a landmarked estate or public space in 2008 for her work on a Palm Beach property.

The socialite is rarely seen and has only been spotted a few times since 2019.

For 'Thrill' seekers

NEW York Post columnist **Steve Cuozzo** has covered restaurants and commercial real estate for more than a quarter-century. But neither subject drives his debut novel, "Consuella's Thrill," from Post Hill Press. The twists-packed thriller, due in December, follows the Monte Carlo and Coney Island bedroom misadventures of a fetching poetry teacher who sets out to even the score with her philandering, late husband. Cuozzo said, "My poor heroine is too busy hiding from a monster worse than Jeffrey Epstein and juggling three horny guys to worry about fusion cuisine or square feet."

Toning it down

PAUL McCartney and his family made a low-key appearance at Montauk hot spot Talya Thursday. A source tells us McCartney (above) arrived casually dressed with 12 people, including daughter **Stella McCartney**, several grandchildren and wife **Nancy Shevell**. We hear patrons kept their distance, with a source saying the only people who approached appeared to be friends. Also at the restaurant was social commentator **Alexander Hankin**, who hosted "Dinner for Few," which brought out **Grier Henchy**, **Devorah Rose**, **Tripoli Patterson** and **Mia Tonelli** to debate whether exclusivity is the ultimate luxury.

Madelyn Cline fills fans with *sheer* joy during the Season 5 premiere of "Outer Banks" at LA's John Anson Ford Amphitheatre.

Xavier Collin/Image Press Agency / SplashNews.com

Appetite for life

IN the latest episode of "Hamptons Chatter 2," **Patrick McLaughlin** and **Bill McCuddy** sat down for a freewheeling chat with **Cédric Vongerichten**, son of legendary chef **Jean-Georges Vongerichten**. Cédric, who has popular Wayan and Ma.dé restaurants in East Hampton, revealed he's wanted to follow in his father's footsteps since childhood, recalling fond memories of playing in the pastry room while sweets were being prepared. His go-to spots? Nick & Toni's, Duryea's Montauk and East Hampton Grill. Asked if he ever feels guilty about indulging in certain foods, he said no, although he confessed to "maybe having had a Twinkie in college." And when he's out West, there's no hesitation about his first stop: In-N-Out Burger.

Sightings

PHILANTHROPIST **Kimberly Paige Bluhm** at hotel Château de La Messardière in St-Tropez . . . SUZANNE Somers' widower **Alan Hamel** with girlfriend **Joanna Cassidy** at the Kings of Chaos rock concert in Palm Springs, Calif.

Out on the Street

THE 92nd Street Y is pulling out the big guns for its fall season, with an A-list roster of authors, actors and cultural heavyweights, including some interesting pairings. **Jennifer Aniston** (above) will join wellness coach and boyfriend **Jim Curtis** on Sept. 2 to discuss his "Book of Possibility," with a one-night-only guided meditation. **Katie Couric** will interview feminist icon **Gloria Steinem** about her new memoir Sept. 27, and **Robert Downey Jr.** will sit down with novelist **Ayad Akhtar** on Sept. 29. **Michael Douglas** takes the stage Oct. 6 to discuss his life. Other highlights include "Heated Rivalry" creator **Jacob Tierney**, astrophysicist **Neil deGrasse Tyson**, **Jaclyn Smith**, **Harry Connick Jr.**, **Danny Meyer**, **John Grisham** and **Jon Stewart**.

Obamas & pals on island time

SASHA Obama is getting a lesson in "Hot Girl Summer" from the originator, we hear. The former first daughter was spotted hanging out with **Megan Thee Stallion** at Sand Bar & Grille on Martha's Vineyard, with a spy describing the duo as "looking like besties." They apparently have a lot in common. Sasha's mom, **Michelle**, even clocked it. The rapper appeared last week on the former first lady's podcast, "IMO," and she instantly felt a connection. "You remind me of Sasha," Michelle said. "You and Sasha have similar sass levels. Your energy is so familiar." Meanwhile, patriarch **Barack** was spotted playing golf with **Charles Phillips** at Farm Neck Golf Club last Thursday. **Spike Lee**, **Dave Chappelle**, **Colin Kaepernick**, **D-Nice** and artist **Mickalene Thomas** have also been seen on the island. Thomas joined her partner, **Latham Thomas**, at a gathering for the Dance Theatre of Harlem, hosted at **Leslie Wims Morris**' home. Thomas' son DJ **Fulano** spun tunes for the crowd including **Sunny Hostin**, we hear. Former "The Talk" co-host **Elaine Welteroth** was also on the island hosting a birthFUND event with husband **Jonathan Singletary**, CNN's **Abby Phillip** and **Monique Rodriguez** at the Residency.

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UK noble led 'modest' life

Cindy Adams

EUROPEAN royalty stories brought memories back to my earliest news interview. Like me back with some long-gone journalistic op that left us when Coolidge was in kindergarten. My interviewee? Wallis, Duchess of Windsor, who had the warmth of an avalanche.

The suite? No. 25A. She and the Duke of Windsor roughed it in a six-room Waldorf palace. The silk couch? Covered with a giant-size leopard skin that once covered a giant-size live leopard. Said the duchess: "It's ours. The duke himself shot it. We always take it with us."

OK.

"The hotel once decorated specially for us and we'd ship furnishings back and forth, but it's now getting too expensive. And that's even though the hotel gives us a discount rate."

Yeah.

Her lifestyle?

"Paris is home. Weekends we go to our country house. But we live simply. Quietly. I even sometimes cook.

"His Royal Highness handles his own investments. More than half a day's job keeps him very busy. I don't know why anyone's interested in us. Suppose His Royal Highness sold cars for a living — would that detract from his position?

"People think I do nothing but shop. Untrue publicity about our so-called wealth is harmful. Prices then always get proportionately upped. Such rumors could end up busting the duke and I. We're everyday kind of people."

OK.

Commoner me, I'd been told that whenever this HRH appears at some major function, her thank-you is jewelry. Real jewelry. Serious jewelry. Like maybe possibly could be of the diamond variety.

Hair apparent

Also, since just for me she was done up like for a Rembrandt sitting. A Balenciaga suit. Even the eyebrows were on alert. Each hair at attention. And the beautician who arrives daily to do her up?

"I brought my own personal hairdresser in from Europe only because I had an important ball to attend. My friends go to hairdressers twice a week. I'm washed only once.

"We're really careful. Just twice a week do I take French lessons. His Royal Highness the duke takes Spanish lessons."

"Living in Paris is because the US is frightfully expensive. I don't know how much longer we can afford coming here. We're everyday kind of people."

Yeah.

"The duke and I discussed children but wouldn't be fair now. We're too old. We were fairly old when we got married. He doesn't do any kind of work because he hasn't time. I wouldn't mind a job. Not anything steady like being in a certain place at a certain time. I wouldn't like those long hours. And, too, there's just the two of us."

American way

Here in the Colonies, they were roughing it. The suite: black and white vinyl tile floor, three bedrooms. Maid's quarters. Sitting room. Secretary. Same type apartment used for presidential visits.

This Royal Highness had gifted her husband for their 25th anniversary — a plant. No breaking the bank on something as costly as a tie or new unused BVDs. A *plant*.

I don't think she liked me. I was wearing a maroon dress. Plus matching shoes and bag. She had her private secretary show me to the door, and HRH graciously sniffed: "Too much maroon."

On top of being Duchess of Windsor, Wallis Simpson was a fashion critic, especially in her 1961 interview with **Cindy**.

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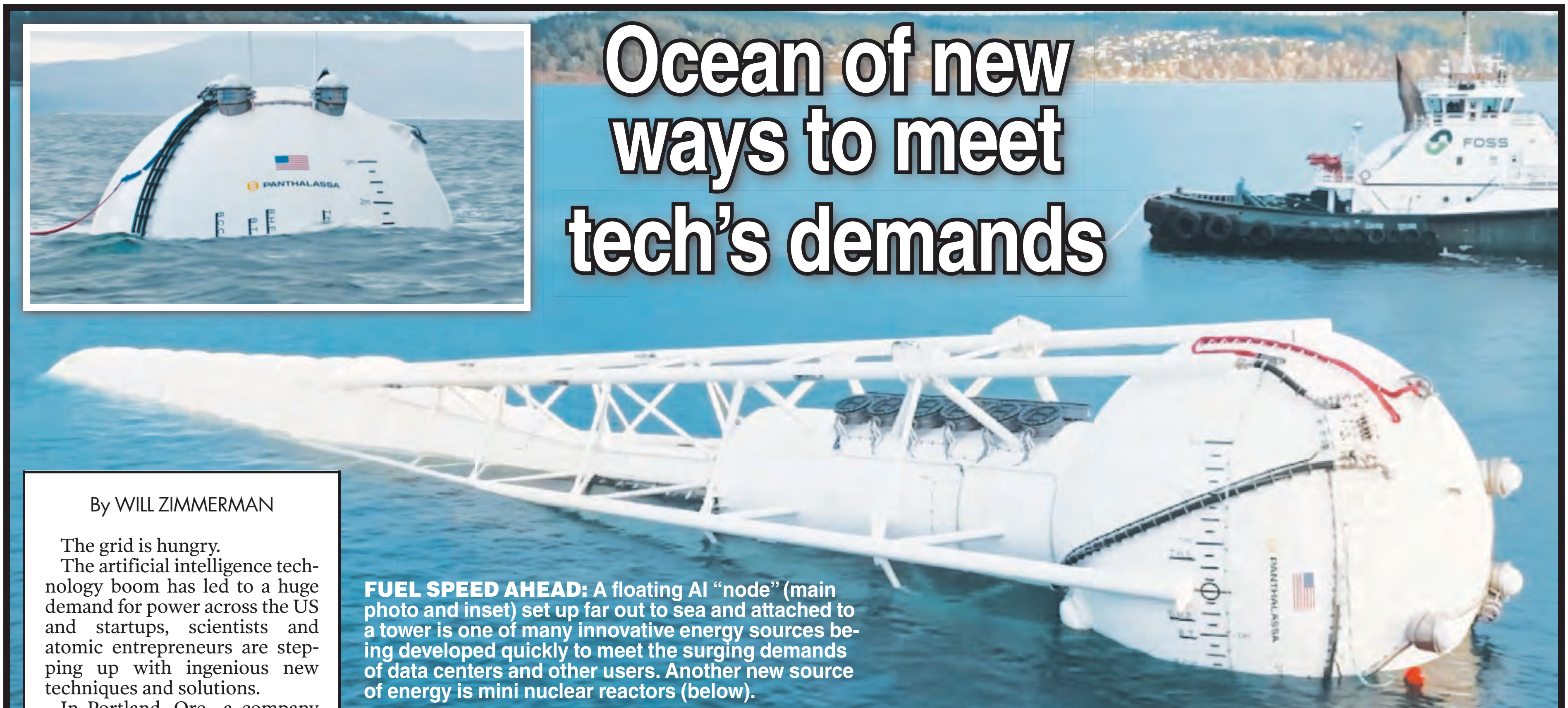
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FUEL SPEED AHEAD: A floating AI "node" (main photo and inset) set up far out to sea and attached to a tower is one of many innovative energy sources being developed quickly to meet the surging demands of data centers and other users. Another new source of energy is mini nuclear reactors (below).

By WILL ZIMMERMAN

The grid is hungry.

The artificial intelligence technology boom has led to a huge demand for power across the US and startups, scientists and atomic entrepreneurs are stepping up with ingenious new techniques and solutions.

In Portland, Ore., a company called Panthalassa has developed a type of data center powered by one of the Earth's most powerful forces: our oceans.

Named after an ancient superocean, it makes spaceship-sized contraptions called nodes, which float at sea level and harness the power of waves.

Often placed many miles from shore, where waves are largest, the undersea portion of the node rocks up and down with each wave, pushing water through a turbine to generated near-continuous power.

There are no wires or cables connecting the nearly 300-foot tall nodes to land, but they have banks of built-in computers that can process computing tasks on the spot and send answers back via satellite.

In essence, it's a floating data center. And it runs entirely on the clean and endless energy source of waves.

Scaling nuclear

Across the country, the American nuclear industry is riding a wave of its own — encouraged by the Trump administration.

Since taking office, the president has signed four executive orders to cut red tape and build out America's nuclear infrastructure. Private-sector companies have responded with milestone after milestone — in record time.

Valar Atomics was founded just three years ago and constructed its first reactor in a mere nine months.

Valar Atomics

"Our focus is on scaling nuclear as quickly and as safely as possible," said Isaiah Taylor, Valar's founder. "We want to make as much power as we possibly can for the American people." Valar manufactures microreactors — essentially, shrunken-down nuclear power plants. The company's plan is to build its reactors and then ship them across the country, providing power to individual data centers, factories and other energy-hungry facilities, rather than entire cities or regions.

Like traditional nuclear plants, microreactors generate electricity through fission, the splitting of atoms.

In June, Valar's first reactor, Ward 250, successfully completed a controlled nuclear chain reaction at Utah San Rafael Energy Lab.

The reactor — approximately the size of an RV — will be able to generate 100 kilowatts of power when operational. The company says its units are designed to be meltdown-proof by virtue of their passive cooling systems.

The microreactor's small size also opens the door to potential standardized mass-production in factories.

"Traditional nuclear companies can't build fast enough, or at the scale required, to actually fix [these energy-demand] problems," Taylor said.

Venture capitalists are bullish on Valar's solution. In August, the company closed a $1 billion Series B round led by Sequoia Capital. Now valued at $6 billion, Valar is gearing up to construct its first "Gigasite," where it will assemble multiple microreactors side-by-side to create a multigigawatt output and power the large-scale data centers the AI industry needs.

'American spirit'

"It's the American spirit that's enabling these innovations," said Bobby Gallagher, CEO and cofounder of Deployable Energy. Another microreactor manufacturer, Deployable became the third of five startups in the US that have achieved a controlled nuclear chain reaction.

As of August, the other three companies are: Antares Nuclear, Oklo and Aalo Atomics.

"We're finally treating nuclear power as a product, not a project," Gallagher said.

And Big Tech is buying in.

Microsoft, Google, Amazon and Meta have all signed independent deals supporting hugely ambitious projects that aim to make nuclear power one of the main sources of power — if not the main source — for their AI needs.

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Preg jab-risk texts to Fauci

Yet doc said 'no red flags'

By RYAN KING

DR. FAUCI
Received study info.

WASHINGTON — Dr. Anthony Fauci was privately informed in January 2021 that the initial studies on COVID-19 vaccination did not include women in the first trimester of pregnancy because of miscarriage risk, according to new texts released by Sens. Rand Paul and Ron Johnson.

"I am corrected on pregnancy studies. Initial Studies [sic] avoid vaccination in first trimester due to possible fever and higher rates of miscarriage in first trimester," Dr. John Mascola, who was serving as the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Vaccine Research Center at the time, texted Fauci on Jan. 25, 2021.

The full context of the text messages isn't entirely clear, and it was publicly reported at the time that the vaccine had not been tested on early pregnancies during the initial clinical trials.

After Mascola's message, Fauci said there was a theoretical risk that COVID-19 vaccinations during pregnancy could cause miscarriages due to the potential for a fever.

"Since many people have significant cytokines storm and fever after the 2nd dose, this theoretically could be associated with miscarriage in the 1st trimester," Fauci wrote.

'Data-free'

Cytokine storm refers to a severe autoimmune response in which the body produces too many peptides signaling infection, leading the body to attack itself.

Days later, on Feb. 3, Fauci said during a question-and-answer livestream with the Journal of the American Medical Association that the FDA "found thus far . . . no red flags about . . . pregnant women."

US officials allowed pregnant women to get the vaccine starting in late 2020, deferring to consultation between them and their doctors, while other countries such as the United Kingdom were initially more cautious.

However, it wasn't until later in 2021, after more research was conducted, that pregnant women were actively encouraged to get the vaccine.

Notably, there are studies indicating that contracting COVID-19 during the early stages of pregnancy can increase the risk of miscarriage.

The message from Mascola came while Fauci and other officials were discussing concerns about pregnant women receiving the jab.

Then-Surgeon General Vivek Murthy had asked whether there was "any data or theoretical reason why vaccinating early vs late in pregnancy would be preferred."

Fauci and then-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky both indicated it was "data-free" at the time.

That's when Mascola chimed in that there hadn't been first-trimester studies yet.

Wall-smash teen 'rape' try

A Georgia creep smashed through a wall to get into his neighbor's apartment before he allegedly attacked a 15-year-old girl inside and threatened to rape her in front of two children as she fought back.

Obed Reyes, 29, is suspected of breaking a hole into the Sheetrock separating his closet from his neighbor's residence at an apartment complex in Gainesville, Ga., on Aug. 5, the Gainesville Police said.

Once inside, Reyes grabbed the teen and launched the vile assault, during which he allegedly threatened to rape her and punched her multiple times.

The teen fought off Reyes, escaping the apartment and onto the breezeway of the building, where her screams alerted witnesses who called 911 as the pervert dragged his victim by the hair.

Police arrived just before 10 p.m. and pulled Reyes off the teen before arresting him.

The suspect left a hole in the wall leading into a closet in a room the teen and two relatives were in, photos shared by police showed.

Reyes, who allegedly lives in the complex, was charged with burglary, aggravated assault, attempted rape, kidnapping and two counts of cruelty to children, police said. *Nicholas McEntyre*

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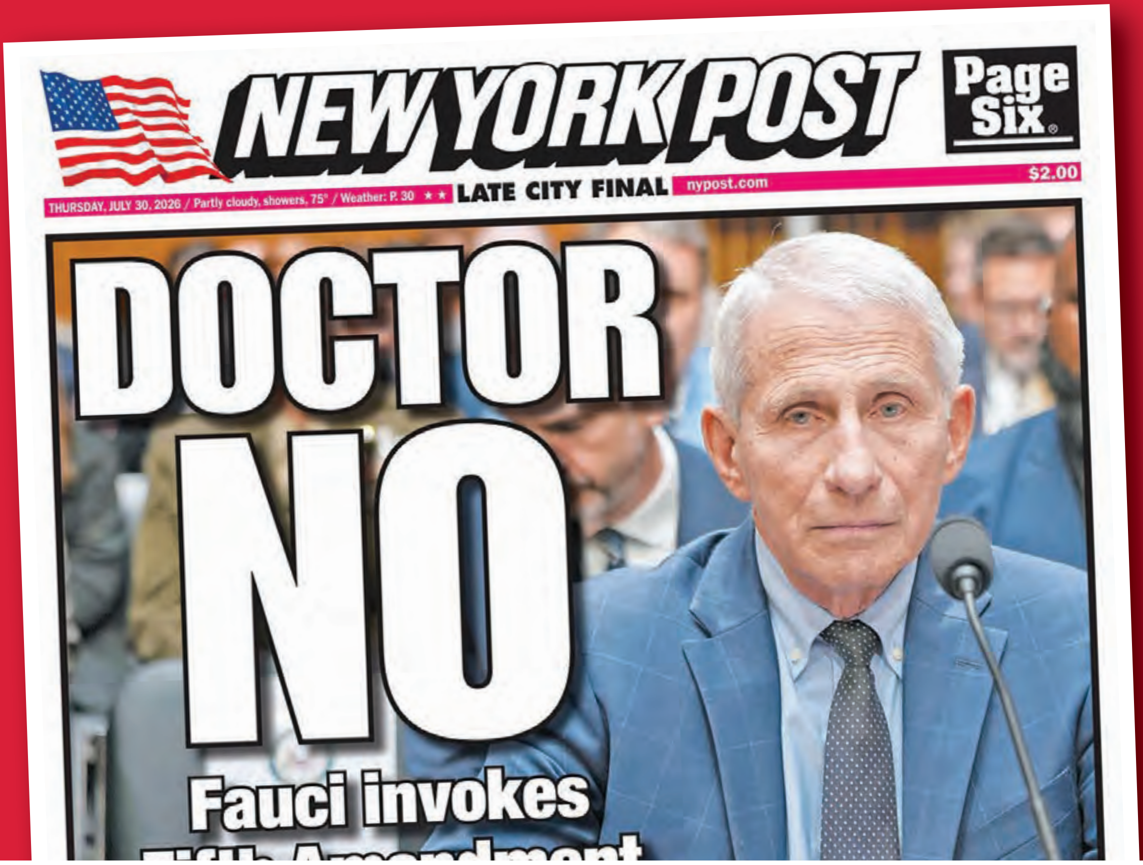

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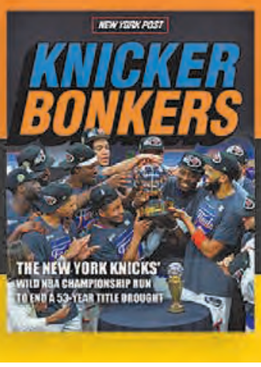
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Crimson over prof 'AI' piece

A Harvard professor is in hot water over claims that an anti-President Trump opinion article he wrote for the Financial Times was almost entirely AI-generated, with some branding it "slop."

The article, by former Venezuelan government minister Ricardo Hausmann, now includes a disclaimer from the FT following its publication on Thursday,

"It has come to our attention that AI was used to condense a longer draft of this column prior to submission to the FT and our own editorial involvement," reads the editorial note at the top of the piece.

"The FT editorial code of conduct specifically prohibits the use of AI in the writing process," the statement continues.

It came after the op-ed, which criticized President Trump's tariffs, was called out on social media over its stilted prose.

An X user shared a grab from AI detector Pangram, which showed that the 841-word piece was 71% AI-generated.

Hausmann, 70, did not respond immediately to requests for comment.

The Financial Times and the Harvard Kennedy School were also approached for comment.

Anthony Blair

Well, AIn't that a kick

A steadfast "country hick" farmer offered a terse six-word response to an AI company hoping to build a data center on her Kentucky property in exchange for millions of dollars — "Kick rocks and don't come back."

Delsia Bare and her mother Ida Huddleston initially agreed to sell their plots in Maysville for a combined total of $26.4 million, but they swiftly backed out when they learned the unidentified company planned to build data centers on the land to power artificial intelligence bots, The Wall Street Journal reported.

David DeTurris

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DEADLY SCENE: First responders give aid Sunday where police fatally shot a man wielding a cleaver (inset).

Obtained by NY Post

By JOE MARINO, SOFIA POZNANSKY, MARIE POHL and STEVEN VAGO

Cops shot and killed a man who slashed his elderly father in the head after the maniac came at them with a large butcher knife inside the pair's blood-soaked Lower East Side apartment Sunday afternoon, police said.

Officers were called to the Ludlow Street home for an assault in progress at around 4 p.m. and arrived to find a blood trail leading them up the stairs — where they came face-to-face with the knife-wielding madman, the NYPD said.

"Officers entered the building, saw the trail of blood and responded without hesitation, not knowing what was waiting for them as they went up the stairs," Assistant Chief Melissa Eger said at a press conference.

As the cops moved up the blood-stained staircase, they were met by a man, identified as Wei Chan, 54, holding a cleaver as he advanced toward them, Eger said.

The cops repeated multiple commands for Wei to drop his large blade, which he ignored, according to the NYPD chief.

"Officers responded and discharged their firearms, striking the subject," Eger said.

Video from witnesses at the scene shows EMS administering CPR to Chan before he was rushed to Bellevue Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, according to the NYPD.

Cops also discovered the suspect's father, Chung Chan, 75, with a laceration to his head on the second floor. Investigators determined he was knifed by his son.

He was also rushed to Bellevue, where he was in stable condition and expected to survive, according to authorities.

A couple from Brazil in the city for their honeymoon were shocked by the bloody aftermath they witnessed as first responders attended to the father and son.

"I thought it was a neighborhood fight," said Fabio Gutierrez, 43, who was having dinner with his new wife, Debora Martins, at a nearby restaurant when the violence went down.

"We saw the guy getting on the gurney, they were giving him CPR," Martins, 38, added.

"I've never seen someone who seemed like they were dying," she told The Post.

"We are tourists here. We are not used to seeing that kind of violence. So it was really, really shocking to see the guy in that state."

Martins said she saw another man covered in blood being taken down the street by cops.

"He was not good. He was all bloody," she said.

Mental health history

The 75-year-old dad does not know his son is dead, sources said.

Chan did not have a prior criminal history with the NYPD, but had a documented mental health history, police said.

No officers were wounded during the altercation, and the knife was recovered from the scene.

Mayor Mamdani said he had been briefed on the officer-involved shooting and wished the wounded victim a "full and speedy recovery."

"As with every incident in which NYPD officers discharge their weapons, there will be an internal investigation, and body-worn camera footage of the incident will be released," Mamdani said in a statement.

Prized art taken amid Sicily festival heist

A gang of art thieves made off with four Renaissance paintings of "extraordinary value" from an Italian museum over the weekend, local officials said.

Altogether, the crooks nabbed six panels from the Museo Regionale di Messina in Sicily, but abandoned two as they fled on Saturday night, reports said.

Italian Minister of Culture Alessandro Giuli said the pieces, which date to the 15th century, had "extraordinary value for our cultural heritage," as he expressed his "dismay and regret" over the heist, according to the BBC.

The value of the works was estimated at between $81 million and $92 million by art expert Alberto Fiz, a prominent Italian curator.

The thieves were able to bypass alarms and security systems at the museum as crowds gathered across Messina to celebrate Ferragosto, an annual major religious holiday marking the feast of the Assumption of Mary.

They targeted works attributed to Antonello da Messina, a towering figure of the Italian Renaissance whose paintings are considered extraordinarily rare.

Notably missing were the artist's "San Gregorio" polyptych and a tiny, double-sided "Madonna and Child" panel.

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Flood teen's body found

Leaped into Ind. river

By RONNY REYES

SIXTH VICTIM: High school football star Matthew Morey died after jumping into the Mississinewa River.

Instagram

Indiana police located the body of a college-bound football star after he and three pals jumped off a bridge into a river during the deadly Indiana floods.

Matthew Morey, 18, was the sole person who remained missing after the friends leapt into the Mississinewa River near Muncie on Wednesday, with the dangerous flooding keeping rescue workers away until they finally found his body over the weekend.

"There are no words that can ease the pain of losing a child," the Delaware County Sheriff's Office said in a statement. "Our hearts are with Matthew's family, friends, classmates, and everyone who knew and loved him," officials added.

It remains unclear why Morey and the three others, who were rescued, had jumped into the raging waters during floods across central Indiana.

Grieving mother Angie Morey had held on to hope until the last minute that officers would be able to find her son after the search had been suspended due to the continued flooding.

"I'm hurt and I need some help, and so we're not there and I can't get there," the crying mother told NBC News the day before Morey's body was found.

"I can't get to him because there's no — I can't get in a boat. If I had a boat, I swear to God I'd be in that water," she added. "And my hope is that he's still alive."

Purdue bound

Morey, a Delta High School graduate, planned to attend Purdue University in the fall, local WRTV reported.

Morey was among at least six people killed in the severe flooding that swept across Indiana in recent days, with rescues carrying on into the weekend.

Along with Morey, authorities said a 4-year-old boy was killed after a tree fell on his home, and a woman was also swept away to her death after driving into the floodwaters.

More than a dozen counties have declared disaster emergencies, with much of the damage concentrated around the rivers in Hamilton County north of Indianapolis.

President Trump approved an emergency declaration for the state, with federal disaster assistance available to the affected areas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said on Saturday.

Lala death in Hawaii

At least one person was killed in a storm-related car crash on Hawaii's Big Island as Hurricane Lala struck late Saturday.

Gov. Josh Green confirmed the death, along with 19 roofs ripped off buildings after what he described as an "enormous storm."

Powerful waves pounded the Big Island's coast as Lala slowly passed by. Howling winds whipped palm trees, and waterways swelled with fast-moving runoff.

Lala was downgraded to a tropical storm as of Sunday morning, according to the National Hurricane Center.

More than 130,000 households were without power Sunday morning across Hawaii's three largest islands, according to the utility tracker poweroutage.us.

At least three hospitals were operating on generator power, Green said.

Joe Burn With Wires

A real pooper doo-per fight

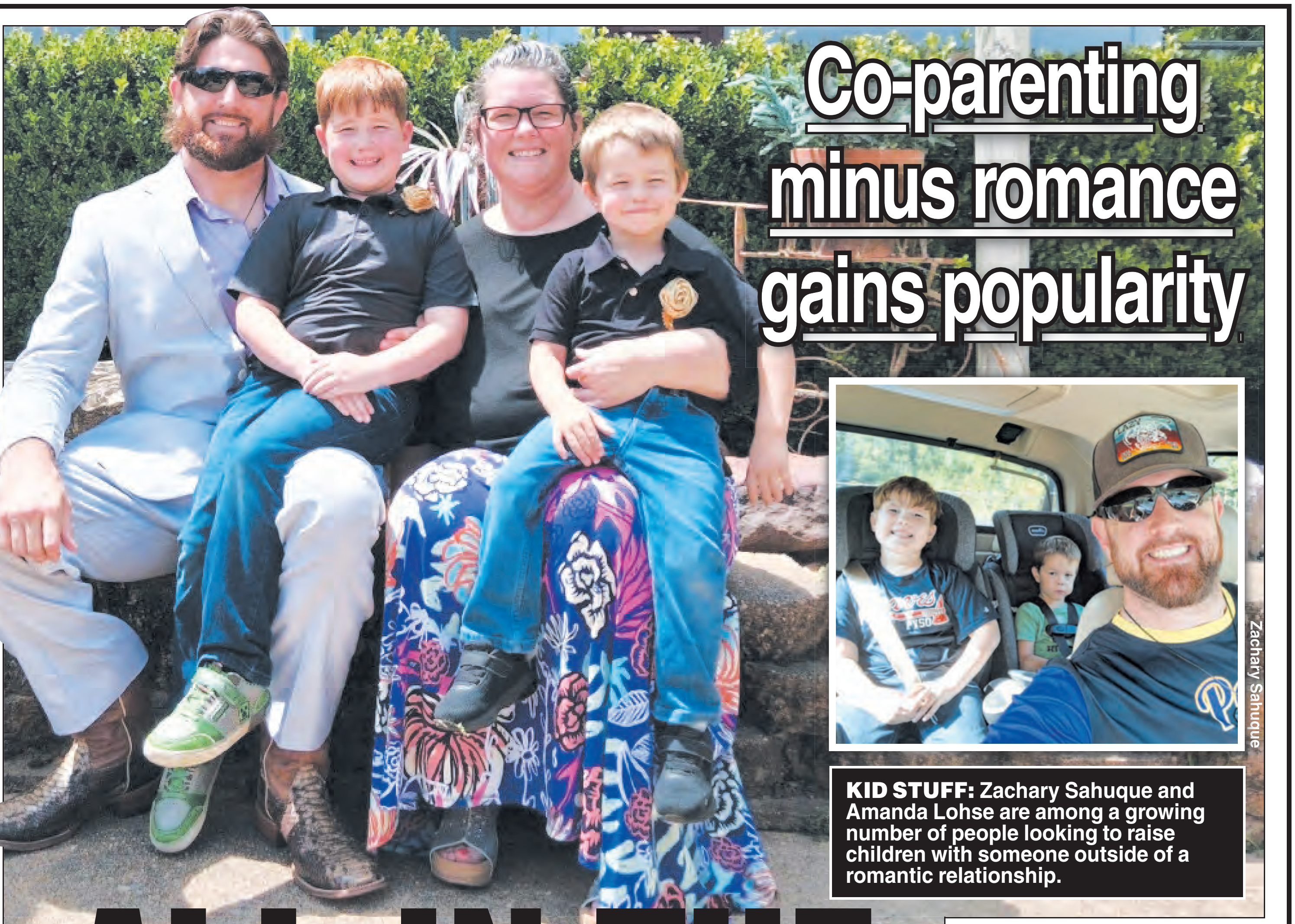
This neighborly feud really hit the fan.

A Florida man furious over his neighbor's unscooped dog poop allegedly barged into the pet owner's home carrying the offending feces — then hurled it at him before the messy spat erupted into a fistfight and a threat involving a child's metal scooter, according to cops.

Ariel Zilber

ALL IN THE PLATONIC FAMILY UNIT

Co-parenting minus romance gains popularity



KID STUFF: Zachary Sahuque and Amanda Lohse are among a growing number of people looking to raise children with someone outside of a romantic relationship.

Zachary Sahuque

By ALEX OLIVEIRA

PLATONIC co-parenting — where people who aren't married or romantically involved shack up to raise kids — is on the rise, with aspiring parents flocking to apps that connect them with others seeking the unconventional lifestyle.

Modamily, one of the leading platforms matching potential platonic co-parents, had about 50,000 new users join this year alone — climbing from 100,000 users in January to around 150,000 as of August.

That's up from around 30,000 who were using Modamily in 2020, according to Modamily founder Ivan Fatovic, who said about 2,000 new members are joining each month.

"We started 15 years ago when it was a much weirder. I used to get a lot of looks when I said what I did," Fatovic told The Post. "Now it's a lot more normal. The trend has been only increasing."

And Modamily isn't the only co-parenting platform that's seen its user base skyrocket this year.

The app CoParents.com had its users increase by 25% since January, climbing to about 160,000 members worldwide.

Co-parenting arrangements take countless forms — sometimes they involve two friends who want kids but not the baggage romance can bring; and sometimes they involve people who saw their own parents' divorce turn ugly and want to spare their kids the risk of similar trauma.

More reasons

Others are people who are simply too busy with careers to focus on romance but want kids, can't afford to do it alone, or whose biological clocks are ticking down and don't have the time to find love and start a family the old-fashioned way.

And while there are no universals, one thing typically unifies the arrangements — the parents are not in love and they are not having sex, but they are raising their kids together as one family unit.

"People still want a partner to have children with, and they want a partner that helps with the costs and the time, so they can also have time for their individual pursuits — but also raise a child in a positive, loving environment," Fatovic said.

Such arrangements in the past were typically found among people who knew each other and shared the same wants, by word of mouth or even by ads in newspaper classifieds — but the rise of the internet and social media has made it easier and more common.

That's how Texas co-parents Zachary Sahuque and Amanda Lohse, 35 and 47, found each other.

The couple has two kids together and a third on the way — each from her eggs and his sperm, and conceived through IVF — but have no romantic involvement and live in two houses on a 50-acre ranch.

"She's one of my best friends; she is like family," Sahuque said. "We're not romantic or sexual but she's a bonus family member that I've got my kids by."

They met on Modamily in 2019. Sahuque had grown up in a troubled home and Lohse had dumped a long-term boyfriend as she turned 40.

The pair immediately set up interviews with each other about their different parenting needs and views.

"I basically tried to find every controversial fault or crack that could happen in a marriage or in a home, and I pressure tested each one of them," Sahuque said, explaining the couple had a series of "terms and conditions" each had to meet to come to their arrangement.

"I kind of took the romantic relationship and turned it on its head," he added.

"In a romantic relationship, the first date's like a job interview. You know, you're wearing your Sunday best, you're the best possible version they're ever gonna see of you.

"But I started by sharing my biggest deal breakers and my biggest red flags. I put them on the table face up first and I'm like, hey, is this all stuff you can deal with?" he said.

The two decided they could deal, and they now live across their property from each other in two homes with matching bedrooms for their kids.

Sahuque travels often for work, so Lohse spends most of the time with the kids — but when he's home, he takes care of them.

Separate — & together

"It's nothing for us to meet up and hang out and do things, all of us together as a family, and it's nothing to them to kind of have their own little life till I come home," he said, jokingly comparing Lohse to "the best ex-wife a man could ask for."

"There's so many people that have an ex-wife or an ex-husband or a one-night stand to get their kids by," he said. "But I just more so sought it out with intentionality."

And while more and more people like Sahuque are turning to apps to find each other, he doesn't think that necessarily means more people are looking for platonic co-parenting arrangements — just that the people who were always there finally have a place to find each other.

"I just think it is now becoming more visible," he said.

"I think it's the intentionality of it more than the actual matter of fact of it. Because divorces happen every day, and people get knocked up every day," Sahuque continued.

"It's the idea of doing it on purpose that's novel and new to people."

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A migraine can make it difficult to think clearly, concentrate, work, attend class or carry out everyday activities.

WHAT A PAIN

3 major myths about migraines — and the fastest ways to get over them

OF more than 100 types of headaches, migraine is the most likely to send people to the doctor. Far more than just a bad headache, migraine is a complex neurologic disease that causes intense, throbbing pain along with severe nausea, vomiting and extreme sensitivity to light and sound.

About 12% to 15% of Americans experience migraine, but women are three times more likely than men to get them. Rates are similar in boys and girls until puberty, when migraine prevalence jumps to 18% in women compared to 6% in men.

Migraine attacks often begin during the teen years and in people's early 20s and 30s, when they're frequently dismissed as something sufferers should simply "push through."

Dr. Mia Minen, associate professor in the Department of Neurology's Division of Headache at NYU Grossman School of Medicine, explains how to tell whether you're dealing with a migraine or an ordinary headache — plus how to reduce your risk and the fastest ways to find relief.

How to tell a migraine from a headache

Unlike a typical headache, migraine attacks usually involve much more than head pain.

They often come with disabling symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, dizziness and heightened sensitivity to light, sound or even smells.

For many people, the pain is only one part of the condition. A migraine can make it difficult to think clearly, concentrate, work, attend class or carry out everyday activities.

The pain can also interfere with sleep, creating a cycle that makes future attacks even more difficult to manage.

Migraine attacks are also associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disorders and psychiatric conditions, including depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder.

It's important to pay attention to recurring symptoms rather than writing them off as just headaches. Keeping track of when headaches occur, how long they last and whether they're accompanied by symptoms like nausea or light sensitivity can help doctors determine whether migraine is the cause.

Patients should advocate for themselves and encourage friends and family members with recurring symptoms to seek medical care as well.

Biggest migraine myths and misconceptions

One of the biggest migraine myths is that a migraine attack only counts if the pain is a 10 out of 10 sensation that leaves someone curled up in bed. Many people assume they're dealing with an ordinary headache because the pain is milder.

Another common misconception is that all migraine attacks are accompanied by a migraine aura, a temporary neurological warning sign that can occur before or during an attack.

Aura typically develops gradually over five minutes to an hour and can include visual, sensory or motor symptoms, although visual disturbances are the most common.

In fact, about two-thirds of people experiencing migraine never have an aura at all.

Many people also mistake a migraine attack for sinus headaches or infection because migraine affects nerves around the face and can cause congestion, a runny nose, watery tearing and facial pain.

As a result, some people visit their primary care doctor or an ear, nose and throat specialist expecting antibiotics, when the real culprit is actually migraine.

What causes migraines — and how to reduce risk

Research suggests migraine can be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

Stress is one of the biggest contributors, but it's not always stress itself that's to blame. Studies have shown that both increases and decreases in the stress hormone cortisol can trigger migraine. Hormone fluctuations — particularly changes in estrogen — can also play a major role, especially for women.

Changes in sleep patterns, dehydration and irregular eating habits can all contribute as well.

Rather than focusing on one trigger, look at the bigger picture.

Someone who slept poorly, skipped lunch and experienced an unusually stressful day may be much more likely to develop migraine than someone exposed to just one of those factors.

To reduce your risk, stay hydrated, eat meals on a consistent schedule, maintain a consistent sleep routine throughout the week and find healthy ways to manage stress.

The most effective and fastest treatments

Migraine treatment falls into two categories: acute treatment, which stop an attack after it starts, and preventive treatment, which reduce how often migraine attacks occur. What's really exciting is that there are many different options.

For immediate relief, some people benefit from over-the-counter medications like ibuprofen or naproxen, although they shouldn't be used too frequently because they can cause gastrointestinal side effects.

Prescription options include triptans, which have long been the mainstay treatment for stopping migraines, and gepants, a newer class of migraine medications that can also stop attacks. FDA-approved neuromodulation devices are another option and use electrical stimulation to help interrupt migraine pain.

For people with frequent or severe migraines, preventative treatment may be recommended.

Behavioral therapies may have some of the strongest evidence for migraine prevention. These include cognitive behavioral therapy, which helps manage stress and unhealthy thought patterns; biofeedback, which teaches people to control physical responses like muscle tension; and relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing, to help reduce migraine frequency.

Researchers have also found promising evidence for mind-body approaches such as mindfulness, while acupuncture and yoga may benefit some patients. Regular exercise also has been shown to help reduce migraine frequency.

Certain supplements, including magnesium and riboflavin (vitamin B2), have evidence supporting their use for migraine prevention.

There are also FDA-approved and off-label preventative medications available as pills, injections and other formulations, allowing doctors to tailor treatment based on a patient's symptoms and how often migraines occur.

Mia T. Minen, MD, MPH, is director of headache research for the Division of Headache in the Department of Neurology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. She takes a whole-body approach in treating adults and children for a variety of conditions related to migraine and headache.

Scan QR code to make an appointment for a headache specialist.

Ukraine aerial assault

Ukraine on Sunday launched one of its largest aerial attacks on Russia since the start of the war, firing hundreds of drones and killing at least six people.

This attack occurred as Ukrainian forces increasingly take the war into the very heart of Russia nearly 4½ years into the full-blown conflict sparked by Moscow's invasion.

Russia's Ministry of Defense said it destroyed 822 Ukrainian drones overnight, as some 600 drones were detected heading toward Moscow. A third of the drones were destroyed over the Russian capital region.

Five people were killed in a drone strike in Russia's southwestern Rostov region, as more than 150 drones damaged homes, hit a railway station and sparked a forest fire, according to local Governor Yury Slyusar.

An 83-year-old man was killed after a Ukrainian drone hit a private home in the Moscow region, local Governor Andrey Vorobyov said.

Meanwhile, Russia launched a missile attack on Ukraine's Kryvyi Rih, a major industrial city in the Dnipropetrovsk region — killing two people and wounding 14 others, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

Anthony Blair With Wires

'Groom' is found dead

The body of a groom-to-be who was less than a week away from his wedding was recovered from the rubble of a collapsed hotel building in Colombia after last Monday's devastating 7.4 magnitude earthquake.

Juan Felipe Giraldo, 24, who was set to marry the mother of his child, Natalia Patiño, on Sunday, went missing in the town of Pereira after the disaster ravaged cities across the South American nation, outlet Infobae reported.

The couple shared a 2-year-old son and lived in the country's capital city, Bogotá, the outlet reported.

Ella Morrison

Ex-sen. details tryst in 'homewrecker' suit

SINEMA IN KISS & TELL

BODYGUARD: Former Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, who was sued under a "homewrecker law" by the ex-wife of bodyguard Matthew Ammel (above), admitted in a deposition that she had sex with him.

Getty Images

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — Former Sen. Kyrsten Sinema opened up about the sordid details of her dalliance with her then-married bodyguard during a deposition in the $75,000 "homewrecker" suit brought by his angry ex-wife.

The independent politician from Arizona, who was the first openly bisexual person elected to Congress, fessed up to having repeated sex with Matthew Ammel in cities across America in an affair that upended his 14-year marriage.

She confessed that she first had sex with Ammel around Memorial Day of 2024, two years after he began working on her security team.

Romps around the US

"We were staying at an Airbnb in Napa, California. We were outside. Matt kissed me. We went inside and had sex," the former senator explained during her July 31 deposition, court records show.

That was the first time that the two kissed, Sinema said.

Ammel's ex-wife, Heather Ammel, a mother of three, sued Sinema last year, taking advantage of her home state North Carolina's "homewrecker law," which permits women to sue their ex-spouse's mistresses.

Sinema, 50, pushed the suit to federal court in January in a bid to argue that the dalliance took place outside of North Carolina.

Heather Ammel is seeking more than $75,000 in damages. She also faults Sinema for allegedly getting her ex-husband into psychedelics, apparently in a bid to help him deal with brain injuries and mental health disorders from his multiple deployments to the Middle East.

"I cared about Matt," Sinema said in her deposition. "Matt and several other of the members of the security team suffered from traumatic brain injury."

After the lovemaking in Napa, Sinema and Ammel went at it again a few weeks later during CNN anchor Jessica Dean's wedding in New York City, then again in her DC apartment, according to the transcript.

In August 2024, they had sex while she was on a fundraising trip in Colorado, Sinema said.

She recounted more romps in October 2024, at her Phoenix home.

'Liar & manipulator'

Sinema, whose Senate term ended in January 2025, was fuzzy on whether or not the devious lovebirds had another fling in September of that year, as Matthew Ammel claimed in his deposition.

Sinema, who is unmarried, confirmed that she became aware in December 2023 that Ammel was married with three children.

During her deposition, Heather Ammel recalled discovering Sinema's tryst with her husband one day when he was "severely intoxicated" and read one of the messages she discovered on his phone.

"I hope your day was okay. Thinking of you. I am with you. I keep waking up during my sleep and reaching over for your arms to hold me," Sinema wrote in the message.

Ammel also alleged that her hubby was likely "actively manipulating" both her and Sinema during that time, blasting him as an "established liar and manipulator."

The couple split in November 2024, and their divorce was finalized in March of this year.

An evidentiary hearing in the federal case has been scheduled for Wednesday.

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Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

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♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you want to move up in the world, you must act quickly and decisively. An offer that arrives out of the blue may be so good that if you take too much time making up your mind about it, a rival could steal in ahead of you.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Today's Mercury-Saturn link will bring your aspirations down to earth a bit. Most likely you will realize that merely wishing for a certain outcome won't guarantee that it occurs — you've got to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Mars in the career area of your chart makes you determined to show what you can do, but with Neptune, planet of illusion, also strong at the moment, you must make sure your goals are realistic. Aim high but keep your feet on the ground.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Usually you don't let criticism get to you, but if someone says something negative about you today, it may sting a bit. Most likely that's because you know, deep down, there is an element of truth to it. You need to be honest about your limits.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Fight for your rights by all means but don't forget that other people have rights as well and they may not always align with your own. Your task today is to find ways to satisfy both your own needs and the needs of family and friends.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You may be somewhat touchy as the new week begins and today's Mars-Neptune link could see you blaming other people for mistakes that are most likely your own. You don't have to be perfect, so don't be afraid to admit that you got something wrong.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

If you are the sort of Aquarius who finds it hard to say sorry, you could find that people don't want to work with you today. Obviously, they are carrying a grievance of some sort and it's essential that you find out what it is.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

It can only be a matter of time before you start making serious progress with a creative project of some kind, so be patient and don't worry if events move at a snail's pace today. It's essential that you maintain a winning mentality.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Don't be too eager to listen to what the so-called "experts" have to tell you today because it is probably wrong. Trust your own intuition and don't be afraid to be the odd man out — you may in fact be the only one who is right!

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

If you feel the urge to go somewhere different today, then do so and don't feel guilty about it, even if some people say you are neglecting your obligations. Maybe they are right, but on this occasion, your own needs must be taken care of first.

♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

As your ruling planet Mercury links nicely with Saturn today, your mind will be sharp and you won't be taken in by promises you know are unlikely to be kept. On the other hand, don't be tempted to make those kind of promises yourself.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

As one of the zodiac's cardinal signs, you don't take kindly to others telling you what to do, but that does not mean you should close your eyes and refuse to listen. A friend's advice could in fact save you from making a serious error.

BIRTHDAY MONDAY

The upheavals that occur in your life over the coming year will benefit you in ways you cannot as yet imagine, so be positive in your outlook and find ways to work with challenges rather than try to avoid them. Don't fear the future, own it!

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Monday

Today: An a.m. shower; decreasing clouds, humid. High 80 to 86.

Tonight: Mainly clear and humid. Low 67 to 73.

Tuesday

Tomorrow: Sunny to partly cloudy and less humid. High 81 to 87.

Tomorrow night: Clear. Low 68 to 74.

Wednesday

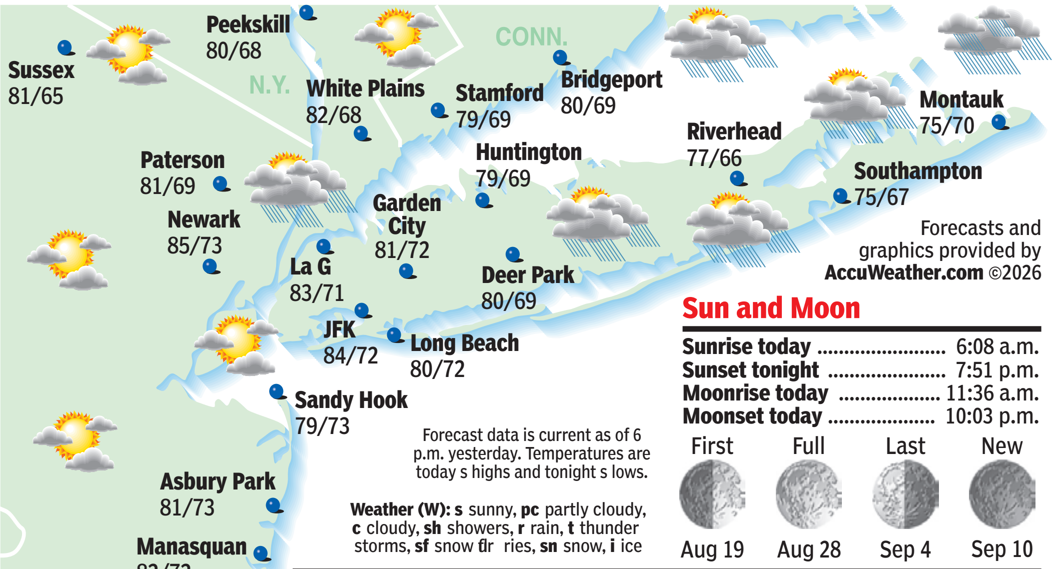
Mostly sunny. High 84 to 90.

Evening
Partly cloudy. Low 69 to 75.

Thursday

A shower or two. High 79 to 85.

Evening
A t storm around. Low 64 to 70.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Weather (W): s sunny, **pc** partly cloudy, **c** cloudy, **sh** showers, **r** rain, **t** thunder storms, **sf** snow flurries, **sn** snow, **i** ice

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 80, Low: 71, Mean: 76

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: 1 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: trace, Month: 3.33 ,
Year: 26.04 , Normal year to date: 30.75

Cooling Degree days yesterday..............11
Total for the month (normal).......215 (191)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)..........975 (892)
Last year to date..................................974
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 82
UV index (for Mon.) .... 2 (Low)
Humidity (at noon) 58%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Weeds, Grasses
AQI rating: (for Mon.) .... Good

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 6:08 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 7:51 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 11:36 a.m.
Moonset today .... 10:03 p.m.

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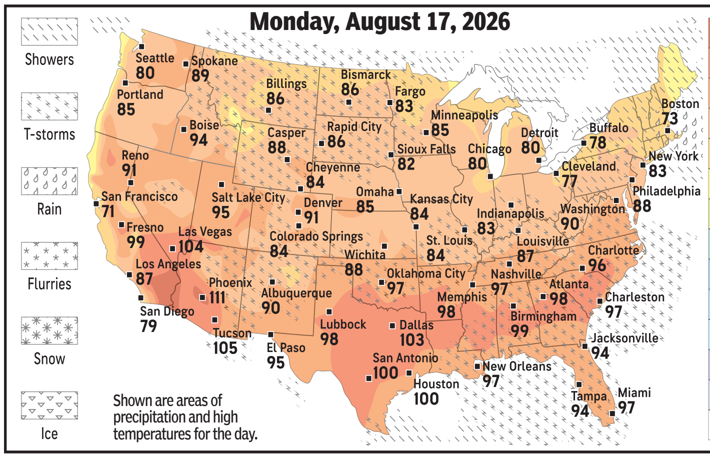
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Casper 88
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New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
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Fire Island	12:07p		12:20a	12:55p
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Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	79/67/sh	82/59/s
Danbury	80/66/r	83/60/s
Glens Falls	76/64/sh	81/55/s
Gr Barrington	76/64/sh	81/57/pc
Kingston	79/67/c	86/60/s
Liberty	77/62/c	81/56/s
Monticello	80/62/c	79/56/s
Newburgh	80/68/sh	86/62/s
Poughkeepsie	82/67/sh	84/59/sh
Saratoga Springs	78/65/sh	82/58/s
Stroudsburg	83/65/c	85/57/s
Torrington	74/63/r	82/59/s
Syracuse	80/63/sh	82/62/pc

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	88/68/s	89/70/s
Baghdad	116/91/s	114/85/pc
Beijing	90/71/c	87/70/r
Berlin	70/54/c	68/58/r
Cairo	93/76/pc	93/75/pc
Dublin	69/58/sh	66/52/sh
Geneva	81/60/t	87/60/pc
Hong Kong	92/82/t	90/81/r
Jerusalem	83/68/r	83/68/s
Kabul	93/67/pc	94/68/pc
London	81/62/c	80/59/c
Madrid	99/72/s	100/73/s
Mexico City	77/55/r	77/58/pc
Montreal	77/62/sh	80/65/pc
Moscow	74/53/c	73/61/pc
Paris	85/65/c	84/65/pc
Rio de Janeiro	80/67/s	81/69/s
Rome	90/73/s	90/72/s
Sydney	63/54/sh	64/49/sh
Tokyo	88/74/sh	91/74/pc

Pure Hypocrisy

Mamdani to Amazon: Do as I say, not as I do

Nobody reads anymore.

Delivering chaos: Mamdani aims to handcuff last-mile businesses in NYC.

Robert Miller for NY Post

SANTIAGO VIDAL CALVO

MAYOR Mamdani has a message for Amazon: Using delivery contractors to perform essential work is exploitation. City Hall's message to itself? Just send us the invoice.

City Councilmember Tiffany Cabán's Delivery Protection Act, which Mamdani promises to sign, would require Amazon and others to employ last-mile warehouse and delivery workers directly. In practice, it would wipe out Amazon's Delivery Service Partner model inside the city.

Amazon says that the 40-plus local delivery businesses it partners with employ over 5,000 New Yorkers. It contracts with these delivery companies, which in turn hire their own workers — generally as regular employees, not as gig workers.

Cabán's bill would end those businesses' Amazon contracts, potentially sinking them. And while Amazon would have to offer jobs to the affected drivers, nothing guarantees them the same hours, routes, benefits or job security.

Worse, though, is City Hall's abject hypocrisy. While Mamdani seeks to prohibit Amazon's delivery contracting model, his administration used an outside company to supply 109 temporary professionals to handle homeless services under an $8.46 million renewal that ran through June 30.

It also renewed an $11 million citywide trucking contract that supplies outside drivers and labor. In both cases, private companies employed their own workers who then performed the necessary work — the same model that Mamdani condemns at Amazon.

When City Hall buys labor through another employer, it calls that procurement. When Amazon does it, Mamdani calls it exploitation.

Mamdani's defense of this contractor ban rests on a bait-and-switch: He cites workplace and traffic problems, then assumes subcontracting caused them. The comptroller's office has reported 9.2 injuries per 100 full-time-equivalent workers among Amazon delivery contractors — but didn't compare them to injuries among directly employed delivery workers, and didn't show how changing the name on workers' paychecks could possibly impact safety.

If there are problems regarding last-mile delivery, there's no evidence that subcontracting causes them — certainly not enough to justify wiping out dozens of independent businesses. In fact, Amazon reports that its serious-crash rate in New York City fell 35.7% from 2024 to 2025 after contractors adopted camera-based alerts and driver coaching.

Mamdani cites poor safety conditions to push an unrelated change in corporate structure — a policy non sequitur. Yet the bill he supports reaches for the largest possible hammer.

Operators would be prohibited from contracting out core delivery and warehouse work. They would face onerous retention and training mandates and, during the transition, a breathtaking $500,000 bond for each covered delivery worker left off the operator's payroll.

And the bill provides nothing to the entrepreneurs whose businesses City Hall would make illegal. Consider Rudy Cazares, who operates an Amazon DSP and also contracts with FedEx.

He employs about 130 W-2 workers, he told The Post, starting at $23.75 an hour. Cabán and Mamdani wouldn't discipline his Amazon operation; they'd erase it.

Yet New York City couldn't function without contracts similar to Amazon's.

In fiscal 2025, the city comptroller registered 12,500 new procurement contracts carrying a face value of $42.3 billion over multiple years.

In fiscal 2024 alone, the city spent about $8 billion on human-service contractors. These are not incidental purchases: City Hall delegates functions that it defines as core government responsibilities — including shelter operations, mental-health services and foster care — to outside employers.

Even Mamdani's prized government grocery stores will be contracted out to private operators that will run them on the city's behalf.

Mamdani aims to destroy the intermediary and declare the worker saved — via an economic gamble that could raise consumer costs by as much as $664 per household each year.

Moreover, a city-only mandate makes New Jersey, Long Island and Westchester more attractive to delivery businesses. A city boundary is not a force field; warehouses can move while packages keep on coming.

Longer routes mean more vehicle miles, higher costs and more congestion and emissions — hardly an environmental boon. Small retailers, working-class consumers and delivery workers would absorb the disruption.

There's a cleaner path: City Hall could instead regulate misconduct wherever it occurs, applying standards comparable to its own contracting arrangements. Mamdani should either apply his anti-subcontracting principle to his own government — or refrain from imposing it selectively on everyone else.

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FAST TAKES

Campus watch: The Unmaking of Jason Arday

Though he "cannot help but feel bad for [Jason] Arday and his family," American Greatness' Roger Kimball also can't "forget that his fabulations were directed not only at aggrandizing himself": The professor was "perfectly happy to play the race card to damage others, as when he complained to the police that journalists who were investigating his credentials were guilty of harassing him," prompting "a four-month-long investigation into a journalist who was simply going about his job." Claims his apparent suicide creates "a debate about whether he was a plagiarist or victim of a racial witch hunt" present "a false dichotomy. There is no doubt that Arday was a plagiarist," and he was a victim only "of his own lies and intemperate behavior" — as well as of "an educational establishment" that "colluded in the construction of Arday's fantastical, self-aggrandizing and ultimately self-destructive fantasies."

Education beat: The Left's War on Parents

"I almost didn't believe what I heard. Samuel Moyn, a professor at Yale Law School, told an interviewer that parents can't be trusted because they have a 'divergence of interest' with their own children," marvels Lincoln Fillmore at The Wall Street Journal. Legally, "parents bear the primary responsibility for educating children." When they enroll "a child in school," parents "aren't transferring responsibility," they are "choosing a partner to help fulfill it." Unlike educators, parents have "a lifelong commitment" to their child. So "the strongest schools understand they are joining families in a shared mission" and that "the parents are in charge." Bottom line: No person "will ever match a parent's depth of understanding, love or willingness to sacrifice when navigating the inevitable 'diverging interests' between parent and child."

Eye on '28: This May Be AOC's Best Chance

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is now the left's "best-known and most popular national figure," observes The Washington Post's Henry Olsen, and progressives' "impressive string of primary victories" this year raises her odds in a 2028 presidential run. Other potential Democratic candidates — Kamala Harris, Pete Buttigieg, Gavin Newsom — can "tack leftward," but none can "compete with AOC's authentic devotion to her causes." Yet even a damaged 2028 GOP may see her nomination as "a dream come true" — and AOC shouldn't run if she's "ambivalent": Running for and serving as US president requires "an all-consuming ambition." But if she really "harbors the dream," she'd best "seize a moment that may never come again and jump in."

Conservative: A Fake Israel Supporter

Jon Ossoff

"Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro's Jewishness" could "hold him back from being embraced as a national figure in the Democratic Party" — and a 2028 prez primary could see him "passed over after the party's progressive base launched attacks on his Jewishness," notes Commentary's Seth Mandel. Now that Georgia Sen. Jon Ossoff is "surrounded" by "presidential chatter," he too must expect "scrutiny" of his "position on Israel." As the Hamas war progressed, "Ossoff's voting record started to split"; he even took to retailing the "revolting libel" that Gaza was being "starved" by Israel, with no apology yet. Ossoff "demeans himself and insults the Jewish community when he goes around saying he supports the Jewish state."

Psychotherapist: Autism Is *Not* an Identity

The widespread "assumption that psychiatric diagnoses, especially those for ADHD and autism, can and do pick out objective conditions that psychiatrists accurately diagnose," is, "aside from a small number of diagnoses," just "not the case," explains James Barnes at Spiked. That is: "No clinician examining an individual could identify and distinguish an 'ADHD brain' from a 'normal brain,'" and "no neuroscientist can look at an individual's brain scan and determine that a person is autistic." This is a "diagnosis describing a person's behavior"; treating it as "an identity" is "based on the misunderstanding that it is explanatory" even "for personality, relationships and sometimes almost every aspect of a person's life."

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Meet Mayor Klutz

City Hall's embarrassing disconnect on the supposed NYPD detail to protect first lady Rama Duwaji on a personal trip to Syria and Lebanon was just the latest utterly-needless flub from Mayor Mamdani and his team.

From stunning incompetence to toxic policies, this is the result of hiring a 30-something nepo baby to run New York City as his first real job.

Wrongly announcing that city cops would guard the mayor's wife as she visited family on her personal trip to high-risk Mideast nations was an amateur flub, as that's never been city policy, plus Mamdani has raged that Duwaji is a completely *private* person.

This followed hard on the heels of his disastrous pied-à-terre tax rollout, which outraged not only thousands of New Yorkers who got threatening "prove you're innocent" letters but tens of thousands more who made it onto the bizarre "enemies list" his team posted.

This, even after the blowback for his victory-lap "We're taxing the rich!" doxxing video outside the home of Citadel CEO Ken Griffin. He just can't seem to learn that his smug posturing for a distinct minority of New Yorkers can appall everyone else.

Not even after his "I can't arrest Bibi, but Gaza is still a genocide" video plainly inspired antisemitic violence across the city.

Not that "arresting Netanyahu" is the only campaign promise he's had to eat: He won't close the Elizabeth Street Garden after all; free buses are off the table; the NYPD's Strategic Response is still doing its job; "universal day care" will only be a pilot program for the foreseeable future and so on.

And the first city-owned grocery stores at best will only open at, at outrageous expense, so close to his re-election run that they won't have time to fail.

Yes, he's getting his rent freeze — on some apartments, at huge expense to the rest of the housing market and with a risk it will bring the end of rent control completely.

The mayor has reportedly turned thin-skinned and shouty behind closed doors, and it's easy to see why: He's in over his head, with a staff dominated by fellow tunnel-visioned lefties.

Too bad it's the rest of us who pay the worst price for Mayor Klutz's misrule.

The Crisis of the American Male

For only the third time in US history, more women are working than men — and this profoundly abnormal state of affairs could become the new normal if we doesn't face this slow-moving social disaster.

By far the most likely explanation: We've all but lost most clear paths toward responsible manhood. The economy's long shift from industrial to service-sector employment is one key reason men have increasingly dropped out of the workforce for good starting in the mid-1960s.

Meanwhile, we've let social-insurance programs (disability, in particular) morph into a license to drop out of the workforce completely, never to return.

This dysfunction leads to higher rates of drug abuse and suicide, both far worse among men than women, as well as "failure to launch" that now sees one in five men aged 25 to 34 living "at home," markedly more than their female peers.

And men who can't serve as the family's prime breadwinners tend not to form families at all, driving both the rise in single-parent (almost always a woman) homes and the decline in US birth rates.

Demographers predict that by 2038 more Americans will die than be born. In 2000, only West Virginia had more deaths than births; today, 16 states are in net decline.

And a country that's dying out will also face a crisis of the social-safety net: The ratio of workers paying taxes to retirees on Social Security and Medicare (plus workforce dropouts on disability) will become unsustainable.

Neither political party is much facing these grim realities, even as they're likely driving extremism in out politics — both the increase in downwardly-mobile professionals driving the growth of far-left voters and the alienated males boosting the worst of the "manosphere."

Left and right, these are cries for help expressed as rage: Rather than pander to that anger, the functional parts of society need to start figuring out how to inspire or coax the alienated extremes into the mainstream.

The DOE's Sad Snow Job

Chancellor Kamar Samuels' Department of Education can't teach the kids, but still hopes to snow everyone ese.

Just a week after the release of test scores showed that more than half of city 3rd- to 5th-graders can't pass state reading tests, the DOE dared claim that 96% of city families are satisfied with their children's education.

The DOE's pseudo-scientific School Survey — some principals dangle pizza parties to entice students and families to complete the online poll — touted more than 870,000 students, families and educators expressing "strong support" for the embattled Samuels.

Hah! He has yet to outline any plans to address falling enrollment, chronic absenteeism and soaring illiteracy. And these numbers are flatly contradicted by other evidence.

"By Any Honest Measure," the Success Academy report on the true state of city schools, shows that students' feedback tell a different story. Just 41% of students report feeling "challenged academically," while 53% say they feel bored in school.

And of course the plummeting enrollment in DOE schools, even as the population at public charter schools grows year after year, is the most telling "customer feedback" of all.

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Hong's Narrow Wis. Loss: Dems Still Have Work To Do

THE ISSUE: The rise of Democratic Socialists, despite Francesca Hong's loss in Wisconsin.

•To those who smugly celebrated the defeat of lunatic socialist Francesca Hong in Wisconsin: She still got over 300,000 votes and lost by a bare nubbins ("Socialism's persona non-starter," Isaac Schorr, Aug. 13).

As November approaches, vigilance by those of us who are sane will prove to be as consequential to our nation as any military campaign.

Bob Heier, Estero, Fla.

•Republicans reportedly spent millions of dollars promoting DSA candidate Francesca Hong, since they thought she would be easier to beat in the November election. Yet she lost anyway.

You say establishment Democrats finally exhaled after holding their breaths, but they'd be wise to hold off the champagne celebrations ("Wisconsin Was Just One Battle," Editorial, Aug. 13).

Both parties' establishment wings are in panic mode because they know public sentiment is not on their side.

J. J. Crovatto
Ramsey, NJ

Francesca Hong

•Millions from all over the world have come to America for 250 years to live free and prosper, unencumbered by dictating despots and government intervention. Now the democratic socialists are telling you right to your face that they want to destroy the Constitution by getting rid of our form of government.

Gregory Topliff
Aiken, SC

•If The Post wants to remain a serious newspaper, it has to stop with its disingenuous, misleading attempts to turn both candidates and espoused philosophies into what looks like another communist scare reminiscent of the 1950s.

We have had "socialism" here for decades: Social Security, Medicare, student loans, the list goes on. Just because a politician has socialist leanings does not make him or her a communist, just like having conservative views doesn't make one a Nazi.

Lou Maione, Manhattan

•The Democratic Socialists of America can't bring themselves to denounce Russia or China's murderous authoritarian regimes or Iran's homicidal theocracy. Yet they seek to emulate and recreate such systems here.

Well, the piper always calls to be paid, in power, money and blood. Just ask the Ukrainian, Cuban or Venezuelan peoples. They can tell you how this movie ends.

I. Cohen
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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NY Mag's Vitriolic 'Hit Piece'

THE ISSUE: New York magazine's issue that included a claim of "Israeli genocide."

•New York magazine's cover calling New York "Habibi City" is another powerful example of the rampant spread of anti-Jewish vitriol resulting in the terrifying rise of antisemitic hate crimes under Mayor Mamdani ("'Jew hating' NY magazine," Aug. 13).

How much money did the magazine get to sell its soul and run this hateful article about Jews and Israel?

Betty Schwartz
Livingston, NJ

•New York magazine used to be a great magazine: interesting articles, great visuals and fun puzzles. Over the years it's become like the New York Times — unreadable and filled with hate against Jews and Israel.

It's hard to imagine any decent and fair-minded person picking up that rag.

J.J. Levine
Miami Beach, Fla.

•After that "hit piece" on Israel and Jews under the guise of celebrating Arab and Muslim culture in New York City, I would not hold my breath for New York magazine to honestly cover the plight of the estimated 850,000 Jews who were forced to flee Arab and Muslim countries after 1948.

While most of those Jews fled to Israel, some of their descendants represent part of the multicultural tapestry of the Big Apple. I suppose it doesn't fit the biased magazine's narrative.

Robert Semel, Brooklyn

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Let the AIs Write

Quit the panic, publishing world

SAM MUNSON

THE publishing industry is in an uproar this month as agents and editors alike confront a mysterious new literary talent: artificial intelligence.

The ruckus began when first-time author Jerry Falade, whose crime novel "Call Me, I'll Hide the Body" reportedly drew a massive $2.4 million publishing deal in a fierce 14-way auction, was suddenly dropped by both his publisher and his agent over suspicions he'd used AI to write the book.

Falade denied the charge and cried anti-black discrimination. But the incident should force us all to confront a far more interesting question than *Is this racist?*

It's time to ask ourselves: *What is literary creativity* — and to what extent do we actually care whether humans write the books we read?

Falade gestured at this question in his self-defense. His manuscript, he complained, had "passed through first readers, second readers, editors and acquisitions teams at numerous publishing houses . . . It is difficult to believe that every one of those experienced professionals would have failed to notice" any telltale signs of AI.

Precisely. Falade's agents — highly respected players in both the US and the UK — even now call his rejected book "an incredible manuscript that dazzled us." Minotaur, the imprint that won the right to publish it, is a power player in the crime and thriller space.

If consumer AI has now become powerful enough to create manuscripts that industry leaders believe to be potential major sources of serious revenue, why not lean into it? The people who jumped at Falade's book have years of demonstrated business acumen behind them; there's no reason to doubt their instincts on its bestselling potential, whatever its provenance.

I write what is called "literary fiction," a genre as much as horror or romantasy (while rarely selling as well as books like Stephen King's "Carrie" or Katee Roberts' "The Dragon's Bride"). Other "literary" authors have already won public plaudits for AI-assisted work — though they've been upfront about its use: Stephen Marche wrote his novella "Death of an Author" in "collaboration," as he put it, with AI tools, and downtown-lit darling Sheila Heti has published a series of ongoing interactions with her AI interlocutor Alice.

Jerry Falade / Instagram

Creative: Jerry Falade's novel may be AI-generated — but it's genius even so.

Yes, there could be copyright issues at play in the Falade case; current law restricts its protections to human output (though it doesn't bar AI help). But legal intricacies aren't driving the literary world's angst.

No — more likely this is just shock and horror at being so publicly fooled. Their positions nominally depend on keen talent-spotting abilities and penetrating insights into manuscripts; now it looks like any wiseass with a ChatGPT subscription can take them for a ride.

As a "literary" novelist, I'm not especially upset at the idea that an AI book could win such a dazzling sum at auction. Anyone capable of pulling off such a (frankly hilarious) coup must be an astute judge of current haute-middlebrow taste and a steely risk-taker — rather like the provocative Dutch novelist Arnon Grunberg, who managed to win a first-novel prize twice by writing a second book under a pseudonym.

Note, too, that in the art world, from the *bottegas* of the Renaissance to the modern workshops of Damien Hirst and Takashi Murakami, outsourced artisanship has a long and even illustrious history.

More to the point: Would fans of, say, the alien-invasion-reality-TV series "Dungeon Crawler Carl" mutiny if author Matt Dinniman turned out to be an elaborate hoax by Sam Altman? What about readers addicted to what novelist Norman Rush once called "uppermiddleclassics," like the well-starched books of Louis Auchincloss or Barbara Pym? Or those who snap up whatever the MFA Industrial Complex churns out?

Books, even the greatest and most immortal ones, lead a double life as works of art and as consumer goods. It could hardly be otherwise in the age of mass literacy, as even serious "literary" publishers understand: Hence their endeavors to make their books as voluptuously satisfying physical objects.

And think of the writers themselves. Acclaimed novelist Brandon Taylor has written movingly about the endless, immiserating private difficulties that constitute the act of novel-writing for him.

As he concluded in a memorable 2020 LitHub essay, "Writing a novel is like setting your life on fire for no reason other than to see what part of it is flammable." Surely modern technology can help here.

However Falade's saga ends, his book is the third in just the past year to have raised suspicions of this kind — which means that many, many more AI works have already passed undetected due to lack of publisher vigilance.

So the inhabitants of the wonderful world of culture may find AI novels sacrilegious; they may find them merely amusing. But they need to accept that these books have already come to stay.

Sam Munson's most recent novel is "The Sofa" (2025).

LEFTY LOSERS MOVE THE GOALPOSTS

VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

A SET of shared issues and values binds the Democratic Party to the new Democratic Socialists in its midst. Certainly, the radicalism of the Democrats in the age of Trump derangement — marked by lawfare, de-balloting, the Mar-a-Lago raid, and calls to destroy the Electoral College and the nine-justice Supreme Court — helped give birth to the socialists.

But the overriding commonality among those on the new left is that if they do not get their way, they blame the "system." Then they seek to change the rules, no matter how hallowed those laws and conventions may be or how much they themselves benefited from them in the past.

When the left lost the White House, Congress and, for the most part, the Supreme Court, it began clamoring to overhaul the system. For left-wing Democrats, that angst also translated into calls to bring in two new blue states, to weaponize the FBI and DOJ, to ally with social media to suppress the news, and to spy on congressional representatives.

All the socialists and communists did was up the ante in destroying norms by calling for the end of the presidency, the Senate, the border, the police and the Pentagon as well.

By 2021, it was time to destroy the southern border and welcome in some 10 million illegal immigrants — without audits, English proficiency, health checks or the ability to support themselves. Had Kamala Harris been elected in 2024, we would have had another four years of this, and another five million illegal aliens.

One way of achieving radical change is to alter America's demography by welcoming as many immigrants as possible who, in the first or second generation, might follow the examples of Rep. Ilhan Omar, Mayor Mamdani or Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed.

They represent an entirely new sort of immigrant who nurtures both complaints against and dependence on their host country. They can see only the sins of America, never the catastrophes of the homelands that drove them or their parents here.

It is strange for so many new immigrants to act on an elemental desire to reach America — only on arrival to profess that it is full of toxic, sinful people, living and dead. Yet the damned hosts have inexplicably welcomed them, allowing them to share in the freedom, security and prosperity created by the dead whom the newcomers nonetheless slander and smear.

Similarly, the neo-Marxist-driven demand to mandate equality — albeit now substituting racial and gender consciousness for class consciousness — requires the destruction of established traditions, laws and norms.

The radical left's key agendas — defunding the police, destroying the border, granting mass amnesties to illegal aliens, subsidizing wind and solar energy while waging a war on fossil fuels, expanding racial essentialism in hiring and admissions — have never won more than 30 to 40% support among the general public.

Yet their solution was not to ask why the public rejected them, and then to reflect, reboot and recalibrate. Instead, the solution was to alter or destroy the system that had denied them power.

Communists, socialists and radical Democrats prefer moving the goalposts. When equality of opportunity was largely achieved, they next demanded a mandated equality of outcome. When a large, affluent middle class arose, the left, in its eternal search for a victimized class, pivoted and replaced class oppression with racial victimization.

When a lack of victimized minorities could not guarantee a majority constituency of the aggrieved, the left redefined "victimization" to include anyone who was not a white heterosexual male, regardless of income and privilege. And when the people finally tired of their totalitarian social engineering, the left sought to change the system by radically altering the way Americans vote, the manner in which government is formed and functions — and finally America's very demography.

The common denominator? Human nature revolts at forced statism, coercive redistribution and government-mandated equality of results. It instead yearns for liberty and freedom.

No matter how much deception, camouflage or brainwashing is employed, statism, socialism and communism can never sustain public support. Throughout history, the left has therefore begun by changing the rules and altering the demography — if not through changes to election rules, bureaucratic fiat and biased court orders, then eventually through sheer violence.

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♡ K 7 2
◇ Q 10 7 4
♣ 7

EAST
♠ 10 9
♡ Q 8 6 5
◇ J 9 8
♣ Q 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 4
♡ A J 10
◇ A K 6 2
♣ K J 4

South	West	North	East
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2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead – ♠ 5

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"I ain't buying my kid no encyclopedia. He can walk to school like I did." — attributed to Yogi Berra, who insisted that he didn't really say all those things he said.

The entry on suit combinations in the "Encyclopedia of Bridge" comprises 55 pages, but the advice assumes ample entries to both hands. Say you're declarer at 3NT, and West leads a helpful low spade: three, nine, queen. How would you handle the clubs?

The actual South took the king and led the jack. West discarded a heart, and dummy played low. When East let the jack win, South was doomed with careful defense: He took three clubs, two diamonds, two spades and a heart.

At Trick Three, South should lead his low club to dummy's ten. If East takes the queen, South is sure of four clubs and nine tricks in all.

If East ducks the ten of clubs, South leads a heart to his ten. Later he goes to the ace of clubs to lead a heart to his jack, winning three clubs, two hearts, two spades and two diamonds.

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From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 17** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST

Saturday's word:

INDICATOR

acorn
acrid
actor
adorn
coati
drain
idiot
intro
ionic
nadir
nitro
radii
radio
radon
ratio
ricin
tonic
train
triad

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

PATRICK MULDOON (1968-2026) Solution: 8 letters

E	B	M	J	E	C	A	L	P	M	A	I	R	I	M
S	M	A	D	A	U	G	H	T	R	Y	S	B	P	E
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P	E	M	I	T	Y	A	D	R	A	W	A	D	M	S
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Last Saturday's Answer: Wound

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POST SU DOKU

To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number from 1 to 9, in each empty box.

Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at

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Solutions on Page 38

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Very Easy #7,373

2			8	3		5		6
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Difficult #7,163

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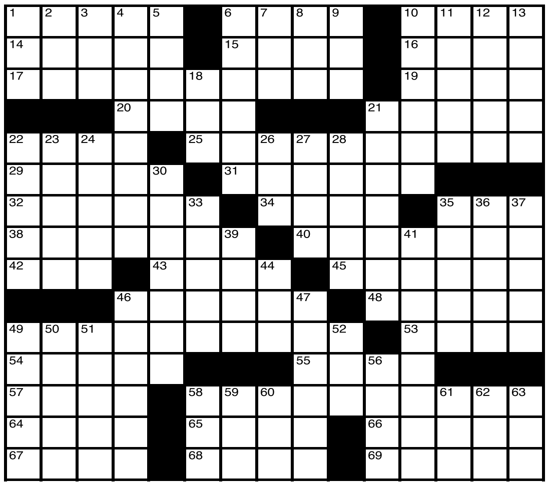
Quick Crossword



Across

1 Magic: The Gathering fan's collection
6 "You are __": map message
10 Slugger Sammy
14 Capital of Ghana
15 Yemen neighbor
16 Birds associated with wisdom
17 Attraction in a neighborhood park
19 Skewed view
20 Flow slowly
21 General idea
22 Lobby group for seniors
25 Illuminating item in an emergency kit
29 Word before metal and music
31 Buoyant
32 Kitchen tool needed for some potato dishes
34 Commuter's fee
35 Garden implement
38 Phone history list
40 Fail to show up for
42 Streaming interruptions
43 Argentine author Jorge __ Borges
45 Italian town with a namesake coast
46 "Go Birds!" NFL team
48 Iron alloy
49 Outing for two couples
53 Literary governess Jane
54 Up to
55 Love, in Spanish
57 Actor Estrada
58 Consecutive, or a hint to what can follow the first parts and precede the second parts of 17-, 25-, 38-, 40-, and 49-Across
64 Country singer Lovett
65 Shrek, for one
66 Nintendo's The Legend of __
67 Notices
68 Some small dogs
69 Official order

Down

1 Lid
2 Knee surgery target, for short
3 Color TV pioneer
4 Unproductive period
5 Mint family herb
6 Fuss
7 Down Under bird
8 Appeared in print
9 Cease
10 "That's that, then"
11 In debt
12 Cut drastically, as prices
13 Valuable quality
18 Gridiron official
21 Ski races with gates
22 Pet welfare org.
23 On track to win
24 Film spools
26 Away from the bow, on a boat
27 Untidy one
28 Say hi, in slang
30 Dishy memoir
33 Cheek colorer
35 Like moth-eaten clothing
36 Buyer's proposal
37 Submit taxes online
39 __ the lily: add unnecessary decor
41 Sloshy mattress
44 Salty expanse
46 Chargeable two-wheelers
47 Poles in a tomato garden
49 Old-fashioned showdowns
50 Sandwich request
51 Purposeful
52 First responder: Abbr.
56 Flow slowly
58 Droid
59 In the past
60 Get weepy
61 "__ Baba and the Forty Thieves"
62 Public health agcy.
63 Dennings of "WandaVision"

S	O	F	T	Y	■	■	B	A	G	■	M	A	R	E
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Nvidia mulls

Nvidia is in talks to invest as much as $3 billion in SB Energy, a SoftBank Group subsidiary developing a massive planned Ohio data center project for OpenAI, the Information reported on Saturday, citing people familiar with the discussions.

Data dealin'

Nvidia and OpenAI are nearing a deal to finance a large-scale data-center campus in Ohio, but have reworked the deal structure so that Nvidia would initially guarantee only half of the planned multihundred-billion-dollar build-out rather than all of it, The Wall Street Journal reported late Friday, citing people familiar with the deal.

Kalshi battle

Prediction-market operator Kalshi accused Nevada's gaming regulator of violating federal law in a statement on Saturday after it sought daily penalties of $120,000 over the firm's alleged failure to comply with a geofencing order.

A'zon no class

Amazon on Friday reinstated binding arbitration for its US customers while also barring them from seeking class-action lawsuits, making it more difficult for users to address grievances in court.

Sources: Dow Jones, Reuters

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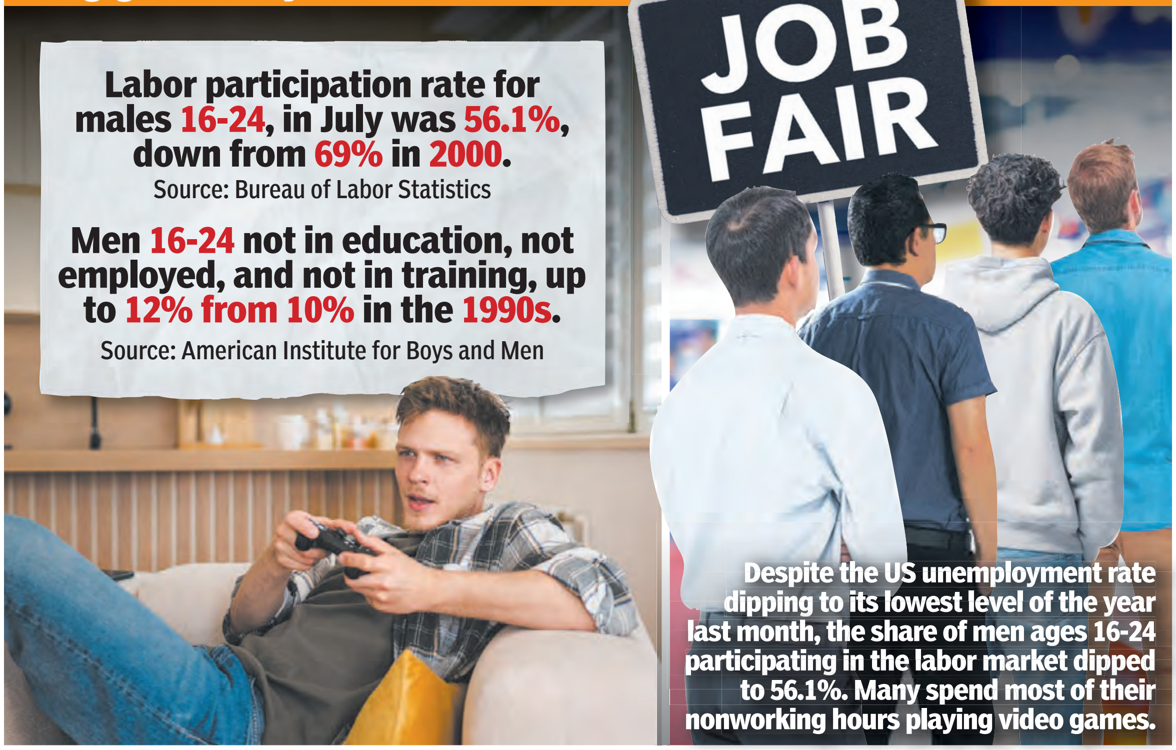
GEN Z LABOR WOES

Young men withdraw from work force en masse

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

No-gig economy



Labor participation rate for males 16-24, in July was 56.1%, down from 69% in 2000.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Men 16-24 not in education, not employed, and not in training, up to 12% from 10% in the 1990s.

Source: American Institute for Boys and Men

Despite the US unemployment rate dipping to its lowest level of the year last month, the share of men ages 16-24 participating in the labor market dipped to 56.1%. Many spend most of their nonworking hours playing video games.

Adobe Stock

Male Gen Zers have been dropping out of the labor pool in droves — and experts warn that the spread of artificial intelligence could accelerate the ugly trend even further.

Last month, the US unemployment rate — the percentage of Americans who are jobless and actively looking for work — dipped to 4.1%, its lowest level of the year and well below the 5.6% average since the end of World War II.

But there's a grim corollary to the rosy-looking numbers: Also in July, the labor force shrank by more than a quarter million people versus a year earlier, hitting its lowest levels since the pandemic.

One key point of worry: The share of men ages 16 to 24 participating in the labor market dipped to 56.1% — tumbling nearly 13 percentage points from 69% in 2000, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

What's more, the share of young, unemployed men who are not looking for work at all has doubled since the 1990s to 8%, according to Ben Smith, head of research at the American Institute for Boys and Men.

That last figure raises concerns that a growing number of young men in the US are struggling to leave the nest — and the question of why has become an increasing point of concern for economists and social advocates alike.

AI disrupts entry-level

Artificial intelligence has already been cited in 184,538 layoff announcements since 2023, according to Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

While tech leaders have argued that AI will create new jobs in the long-term, the new technology is widely expected to disrupt entry-level roles in fields like tech, finance and manufacturing.

Smith warned that the effects of AI are uncertain, but "if it substitutes for those jobs entirely, men and the occupations they tend to be in are more susceptible to being displaced by AI."

Maria Flynn, chief executive of the nonprofit Jobs for the Future, said entry-level hiring is being hit at retail, at factories and across a swath of white-collar jobs that young men used to enter en masse.

"The longer the individuals sit out of the labor market, particularly early in their career, the harder it's going to be for them to build the skills and the network and the work experience that really shape earnings in future decades," Flynn told The Post.

The stats for young men look dire versus other key groups: Over the same 26-year span, labor force participation actually increased for those 65 and over — to 19.2% in July from 12.5% in 2000.

Men ages 25 to 54 saw just a 2.9 percentage point drop over the same period, while men 55 and over saw a slight increase.

Women ages 16 to 24 also saw a drop, though not as much as men, while all other women's age groups saw an increase.

Indeed, women now hold slightly more jobs than men in the US for the third time in history, according to a survey by the Indeed Hiring Lab, and that gap is only expected to widen further.

Meanwhile, for men 16 to 24, the NEET rate — those who are not in education, not employed and not in training — has risen to 12% from a rate of 10% in the 1990s. While the NEET rate for women is similar, it's the result of a sharp drop over the same time period. It's a far cry from 1990, when men held nearly 7 million more jobs than women.

The real concern among researchers is the smaller subset of male NEETs, who are not working or looking for work at all — and why they've stopped trying.

Playing video games

Gen Z has already established itself as pessimistic and skeptical of capitalism. A new CNBC poll showed more than half of Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 now favor democratic socialism. Some Gen Zers are turning to trade work as they grow fearful that AI will wipe out white-collar jobs.

Paul Iaccarino, a millennial whose Building Trades Educational Benefit Fund trains Local 363-A electricians across New York state, said Gen Zers now account for 66% of his free, five-year apprenticeship program in East New York.

The average age of an enrollee in the most recent program was 26.2 years old — down from 30.9 years in 2021.

While Gen Zers have displayed enthusiasm for blue-collar work as they look for steady employment and guaranteed careers, Iaccarino said he's also noticed a "general divide" as more young men drop out of the labor force altogether.

"A lot of these kids struggle to take off," Iaccarino said. "There is a fear that it's not enough, even in the beginning, so why bother? That's kind of the gist of it.

"It's like, 'Oh, it's gonna take me forever to make six figures or whatever I'm going to need to make in order to buy this house,' " he told The Post. "I think there's just a lot of pressure, especially on young men these days, and it's unclear how to get over these hurdles."

Some men have reported reducing paid work hours to spend more time with their children and contribute to housework. Still, a paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research found that men, when they're not working, spend about 70% of their nonworking hours playing video games.

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Rising retort to Zo

New tower on track after diss

STEVE CUOZZO

REALTY CHECK

Moving forward

Citadel founder Ken Griffin (left) and Vornado chairman Steven Roth (right) are partners in a Park Avenue skyscraper targeted to open in 2032.

Getty, jkohrs

IN case you still had any lingering doubts about plans for a new skyscraper at 350 Park Ave:

Banker Steel, based in Lynchburg, Va., is fabricating 50,000 tons of structural steel for the tower. It isn't something you can just set aside for a rainy day.

Demolition of older buildings on Park Avenue and East 52nd Street is underway for the 62-story, 1,469-foot tall cloudbuster to be completed in 2032. The development team consists of Citadel founder Ken Griffin, Vornado Realty Trust and the Rudin organization.

Two of Griffin's companies, Citadel and Citadel Securities, are the anchor tenants with about half of the $4.5 billion tower's 1.8 million square feet. Foster + Partners is the architect of record.

Vornado chairman Steven Roth said on the firm's second-quarter earnings call this month that work is proceeding on schedule and he expects the joint-venture partnership deal to close in September. Roth noted he had a $3.3 billion construction loan "ready to go."

Questions were raised about Griffin's commitment after Mayor Mamdani took a cheap shot at him in April over Griffin's ownership of a $200 million condo. Some observers suspected it was a deliberate step by Mamdani to chase Griffin out of town and sabotage the tower project.

But Griffin and his partners sensibly shrugged off the insult.

Swedish scan

Neko Health Scan is bringing its proprietary health-monitoring technology to New York for the first time. The company will open an 11,000 square-foot facility at 300 Lafayette St. in September.

Founded by Spotify executive chairman Daniel Ek, Neko pioneered an affordable ($499), noninvasive and radiation-free scan that captures data on cardiovascular, metabolic and other bodily functions in just 60 minutes, followed by a physician's review.

Newmark brokered the deal for the tenant. Intervest and Ridgebrook Partners are the building's owners.

The Soho clinic will be one of Neko's largest and most advanced facilities. The brand has a large footprint in Sweden and the UK. It plans more Big Apple locations soon and will also expand to Miami and San Francisco.

Neko co-Founder and CEO Hjalmar Nilsonne said, "New York felt like the right place to bring that idea to the US. It's a city where people are used to having access to the best of everything and we think healthcare should be no different."

Restaurant ruckus

The struggle over Bryant Park restaurant leases has gone on for more than a year. Now, eviction of Ark Restaurants' Bryant Park Grill, Cafe and Porch might be in sight, Ark CEO Michael Weinstein warned investors in his company's third-quarter earnings call.

Barring an unlikely reversal of a court ruling which upheld the landlords' right to evict Ark, "The company will be required to vacate these premises and cease operations" when a stay of an eviction ruling expires "on or about October 16, 2026," it said.

Publicly traded Ark operates restaurants, bars and catering operations around the US.

The park venues contribute around 15% of Ark's overall revenues. But Weinstein earlier told The Post that uncertainty over the leases has caused a loss in prebooked party business.

The nonprofit Bryant Park Corporation, Ark's landlord, wants to replace Ark with a restaurant run by Jean-Georges Vongerichten.

But that situation, too, is clouded by the fact that Vongerichten's original partner in the planned Bryant Park takeover, Seaport Entertainment Group, is no longer in the deal.

Unusual Anthropic valuation

As Anthropic prepares for what could be one of the biggest IPOs on record, Wall Street is looking further into the future than it commonly does to put a price on the AI company, valuing it based on how much revenue it could generate two years from now.

Anthropic is projecting 2028 revenue of roughly $190 billion to $200 billion, according to two people familiar with the company's financials, a figure that has not previously been reported. The projection dwarfs the $47 billion revenue "run rate," reflecting the firm's current pace of business, that the company publicized as recently as May, and shows the scale of growth investors are being asked to underwrite.

Bankers and investors are using enterprise value-to-revenue multiples based on forecasts, four sources said.

Using revenue multiples is common for high-growth software companies that have yet to establish a mature profit profile.

But looking two years ahead is less typical, reflecting the speed at which Anthropic's business is expanding and the challenges of setting benchmarks for a company still spending heavily to build out its AI infrastructure, the people said. *Reuters*

German drop in US invest

German companies slashed investments in the US to a three-year low in the first half of 2026, as Trump administration policies fed uncertainty between the transatlantic trading partners.

First-half direct investments plunged by nearly two-thirds year-on-year to $5 billion, the lowest level since 2023, according to calculations by the German Economic Institute, or IW, seen by Reuters.

Compared with the same period in 2024, that represents a drop of nearly 80%, said the report, which is based on data from Germany's central bank._*Reuters*

Thiel oil deal in Argentina

Palantir chair and cofounder Peter Thiel has bought a 1% stake in Argentina's Vista, one of the largest oil companies operating in the country's Vaca Muerta shale formation, according to a US Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

The filing, published Friday, comes four months after the tech billionaire met with Argentine President Javier Milei in the presidential palace, after which Milei told a local media outlet they discussed economic policies and his opposition to wealth taxes.

Thiel recently bought a mansion in an upscale neighborhood of Buenos Aires, local media reported.

Thiel Macro LLC hedge fund bought around 1.2 million American Depositary Shares in Vista worth about $76 million, according to the SEC filing, equivalent to 1% of Vista's capital.

The fund declared a portfolio of $418.7 million, including stakes in Vistra, Amazon and power and energy firms American Electric Power, DTE Energy, FirstEnergy, CMS Energy and X-Energy.

Vista operates in Vaca Muerta, home to the world's second-largest shale gas and fourth-largest oil reserves, in Argentina's Patagonia region.

Vista produces 160,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day and has invested more than $6.5 billion in Argentina. *Reuters*

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2	Intimidation	(VGinsburg)	4-3-3	20-1
3	RollingWithSam	(JBongiorno)	3-7-3	9-2
4	Mufferaw Joe	(JMarohn)	8-5-8	3-1
5	CollectiveWrksA	(ASegelmn)	3-7-5	20-1
6	Dance Partner	(CKelly)	1-3-4	9-2
7	TackRoomChatter	(MKakley)	6-4-4	8-1
8	Taste Of Honey	(JStratton)	7-7-6	20-1

SECOND: 1 Mile $20,000 30000CLM; PACE

1	Missed The Truth A	(TButer)	8-6-6	2-1
2	Mind Hunter	(JBongiorno)	2-6-4	8-5
3	CarronsidelegcyGb	(JMarhn)	8-1-1	20-1
4	Quote Me NotN	(ASiegelman)	4-3-4	9-2
5	Rayray	(MKakaley)	7-3-5	15-1
6	Heaven On High N	(CKelly)	7-8-2	20-1
7	C-Bet Hanover	(JStratton)	4-2-1	8-1
8	OddsOnCapitalism	(VGnsbrg)	3-5-8	20-1

THIRD: 1 Mile $33,000 NW32491L5; PACE

1	JumpingjackmacN	(JBongirn)	3-1-4	5-2
2	Blue Lou	(MKakaley)	2-2-3	4-1
3	Sterling Choice	(CKelly)	8-5-1	2-1
4	Kwick Sand A	(JStratton)	2-3-3	9-2
5	Speaker Of Peace	(JMarohn)	1-4-2	6-1
6	American Dealer N	(TButer)	7-4-5	8-1

FOURTH: 1 Mile $43,000 INVITATION; PACE

1	Evileye Fleegle	(TButer)	5-5-4	9-2
2	Mossdale Ben N	(JMarohn)	6-3-2	5-2
3	Soho Firestone A	(JStratton)	2-4-2	9-2
4	ChaseHHanover	(JBongiorno)	1-2-2	2-1
5	Mac's Delight	(MKakaley)	2-1-1	4-1
6	Catalpa Rescue A	(CKelly)	9-4-4	15-1

FIFTH: 1 Mile $28,000 NW20000L5; PACE

1	TheIdealDancerA	(PLachnce)	7-3-4	12-1
2	Heza Charttopper A	(TButer)	1-2-2	8-5
3	SouthwindCelsis	(ASegelmn)	6-3-1	12-1
4	BackstreetShadow	(MKkley)	6-5-4	5-2
5	Matai Phil N	(CKelly)	1-5-6	8-1
6	WhatsStanleyGotA	(JStrattn)	2-3-3	20-1
7	Forward Flash	(JMarohn)	6-1-6	9-2
8	Resilient N	(JBongiorno)	6-4-2	15-1

SIXTH: 1 Mile $43,000 3-6 YO OPN; PACE

1	Bourbon County	(CKelly)	3-1-6	4-1
2	American Fling	(ASiegelman)	1-3-1	8-1
3	GoGoGrasshopper	(JBongirn)	6-2-2	7-2
4	Howlenthehills	(MKakaley)	3-3-2	3-1
5	Verdun	(PLachance)	4-1-5	5-1
6	Gorgeous Big Guy	(TButer)	3-2-1	5-2

SEVENTH: 1 Mile $23,000 NW15000L5; PACE

1	Heza Risk TakerA	(MKakaley)	1-3-6	2-1
2	Sunshine Boy	(CKelly)	2-1-1	12-1
3	Rock The Belles	(JBongiorno)	1-7-6	9-2
4	MyUltimteByrnA	(ASegelmn)	8-8-6	6-1
5	Joemikiyoursofine	(PLchnce)	6-7-6	12-1
6	SweethomealabmN	(JStrttn)	3-3-7	15-1
7	Vicious	(TButer)	2-8-2	5-2
8	ThenuCameAlongA	(JMarhn)	6-4-6	8-1

EIGHTH: 1 Mile $22,000 40000CLM; PACE

1	Alta Classic A	(GBrennan)	3-4-4	8-1
2	Rockin Jukebox	(TButer)	3-1-6	4-1
3	Simply Fast	(JStratton)	2-2-1	4-1
4	Curly James A	(CKelly)	1-1-1	3-1
5	Ameritric	(PLachance)	5-1-6	10-1
6	Shipmaster	(MKakaley)	4-3-7	8-1
7	Paxamillion	(JBongiorno)	1-1-1	7-2
8	Soho Skyfall A	(JMarohn)	5-1-1	20-1

NINTH: 1 Mile $21,000 NW11501L5; PACE

1	The Miki Taker A	(TButer)	3-5-2	9-2
2	Hemsworth N	(JStratton)	2-5-5	9-5
3	RockstarArtistA	(ASiegelmn)	3-8-8	15-1
4	Justcallmebuck	(JMarohn)	4-5-4	10-1
5	Jon I Love Dat	(CKelly)	7-7-7	6-1
6	Federer	(JBongiorno)	1-4-3	3-1
7	Hazeville	(PLachance)	2-1-1	20-1
8	Copperfield	(MKakaley)	7-6-6	8-1

TENTH: 1 Mile $15,000 15000CLM; PACE

1	Karloo Bradley N	(JStratton)	6-3-5	4-1
2	Acapulco Sunburn	(JSantos)	8-8-2	8-1
3	Warrawee Xtreme	(CKelly)	1-3-X	8-1
4	J B Gram	(JBongiorno)	3-4-3	9-5
5	GreatSomewhere	(PLachnce)	4-5-6	4-1
6	Dismas	(JMarohn)	8-1-5	6-1
7	FrancoNandorN	(ASiegelmn)	3-7-3	20-1
8	Black Hawk Joe A	(TButer)	5-1-3	15-1

Saratoga Results

FIRST-1 mile 1 fur; $105,000; alc; 3up

2	Caddemster (Ortz)	13.76	5.28	4.04
5	Crescendo's Rein (Prat)		3.24	3.08
3	Senegal (Santana,Jr.)			4.34

● $1 Exacta (2-5) $29.18 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-5-3-1) $25.24 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-5-3) $55.39 ● $1 Exacta (2-5) $29.18 ● $0.1 Show (2-5-3-1) $25.24 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-5-3) $55.39

SECOND-1 mile 1 fur; $105,000; alc; 3up

5	Crc Brothrs (Frnc)	2.82	2.18	2.10
6	Calvin's Ride (Ortiz)		4.12	2.42
2	Willpowered (Prat)			2.12

Scr: Oat Coutour

● $1 Daily Double (2-5) $25.68 ● $1 Exacta (5-6) $3.93 ● $1 Quinella (5-6) $2.88 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-6-2-3) $0.66 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-6-2) $2.42 ● $1 Daily Double (2-5) $25.68 ● $1 Exacta (5-6) $3.93 ● $1 Quinella (5-6) $2.88 ● $0.1 Show (5-6-2-3) $0.66 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-6-2) $2.42

THIRD-6 fur; $125,000; alc opt cl($80,000); 3up (f&m)

2	Sh's Gmr (Alvrdo)	5.66	3.14	2.22
1	Limes Don't Lie (Prat)		3.02	2.12
5	Next On Stage (Franco)			2.34

● $1 Pick 3 (2-5-2) $76.14 ● $1 Daily Double (5-2) $4.62 ● $1 Exacta (2-1) $7.54 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-1-5-3) $2.09 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-1-5) $5.44 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-5-2) $76.14 ● $1 Daily Double (5-2) $4.62 ● $1 Exacta (2-1) $7.54 ● $0.1 Show (2-1-5-3) $2.09 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-1-5) $5.44

FOURTH-1 1/16 mile; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO

3	Culpable (SntnJr.)	20.60	10.56	6.72
2	Suspend (Alvarado)		9.26	6.12
10	Related Party (Prat)			5.70

Scr: Warrior At Heart, Roughkin

● $1 Pick 3 (5-2-3) $55.56 ● $1 Daily Double (2-3) $33.17 ● $1 Exacta (3-2) $61.64 ● $1 Quinella (2-3) $46.28 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-2-10-7) $337.62 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-2-10) $314.56 ● $1 Pick 3 (5-2-3) $55.56 ● $1 Daily Double (2-3) $33.17 ● $1 Exacta (3-2) $61.64 ● $1 Quinella (2-3) $46.28 ● $0.1 Show (3-2-10-7) $337.62 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-2-10) $314.56

FIFTH-6 fur; $42,000; clm($20,000); 3up

4	Sekr's Hop (Frnco)	3.44	2.76	2.22
5	Majestic Arc (Davis)		5.18	3.62
7	Red Miller (Davis)			5.68

● $1 Pick 3 (2-3-4) $74.89 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1/5-2-3-4) $55.69 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (2-1/5-2-3-4) $874.25 ● $1 Daily Double (3-4) $15.46 ● $1 Exacta (4-5) $8.57 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-5-7-3) $29.20 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-5-7) $21.48 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-3-4) $74.89 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1/5-2-3-4) $55.69 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (2-1/5-2-3-4) $874.25 ● $1 Daily Double (3-4) $15.46 ● $1 Exacta (4-5) $8.57 ● $0.1 Show (4-5-7-3) $29.20 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-5-7) $21.48

SIXTH-1 1/16 mile; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO

9	Let Em Know (Zys)	34.26	14.90	7.00
11	Roscoe Goos (Crmouch)		11.14	6.56
10	Permanent Record (GB) (Prat)			3.72

Scr: Motawaali, Got Tough

● $1 Pick 3 (3-4-9) $382.74 ● $1 Daily Double (4-9) $31.68 ● $1 Exacta (9-11) $104.23 ● $0.1 Superfecta (9-11-10-3) $2500.22 ● $0.5 Trifecta (9-11-10) $374.72 ● $1 Pick 3 (3-4-9) $382.74 ● $1 Daily Double (4-9) $31.68 ● $1 Exacta (9-11) $104.23 ● $0.1 Show (9-11-10-3) $2500.22 ● $0.5 Trifecta (9-11-10) $374.72

SEVENTH-7 fur; $41,000; mdn clm($20,000); 3up

3	Rebalancing (Prat)	9.96	5.40	3.32
8	Turbo Launch (Franco)		5.54	3.60
4	Private Flight (Carmouche)			2.58

● $1 Pick 3 (4-9-3) $252.68 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (3-4-9-3) $977.07 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (2-3-4-9-3) $4064.68 ● $1 Daily Double (9-3) $80.52 ● $1 Exacta (3-8) $27.59 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-8-4-5) $11.45 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-8-4) $36.74 ● $1 Pick 3 (4-9-3) $252.68 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (3-4-9-3) $977.07 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (2-3-4-9-3) $4064.68 ● $1 Daily Double (9-3) $80.52 ● $1 Exacta (3-8) $27.59 ● $0.1 Show (3-8-4-5) $11.45 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-8-4) $36.74

EIGHTH-1 mile; $110,000; alc opt cl($45,000); 3up

7	Funny Fctr (Vlzqz)	48.40	17.64	12.52
4	Inspeightofcharlie (Ortz)		4.12	3.32
2	Shared Success (Gaffalione)			13.00

Scr: Concorde Spirit, Clear Conscience, Whittington Park, Shadow Dragon, Conman

● $1 Pick 3 (9-3-7) $2045.01 ● $1 Daily Double (3-7) $91.07 ● $1 Exacta (7-4) $86.32 ● $0.1 Superfecta (7-4-2-8) $839.64 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-4-2) $417.66 ● $1 Pick 3 (9-3-7) $2045.01 ● $1 Daily Double (3-7) $91.07 ● $1 Exacta (7-4) $86.32 ● $0.1 Show (7-4-2-8) $839.64 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-4-2) $417.66

NINTH-5½ fur; $225,000; stk; 3YO

7	Stradale (Ortiz)	16.20	7.92	5.94
3	Oscar's Hope (Alvarado)		11.16	11.32
1	Rebel Wth a Cause (Castellno)			7.06

● $1 Grand Slam (9/10/11-3/4/8-2/4/7-7) $178.04 ● $1 Pick 3 (3-7-7) $761.17 ● $0.5 Pick 5 ((X-COUNTRY P5) 7-3/9-3-7-7) $1130.22 ● $1 Daily Double (7-7) $129.25 ● $1 Exacta (7-3) $113.72 ● $0.1 Superfecta (7-3-1-2) $166.15 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-3-1) $217.85 ● $1 Pick 3 (3-7-7) $761.17 ● $0.5 Pick 5 ((X-COUNTRY P5) 7-3/9-3-7-7) $1130.22 ● $1 Daily Double (7-7) $129.25 ● $1 Exacta (7-3) $113.72 ● $0.1 Show (7-3-1-2) $166.15 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-3-1) $217.85 ● $1 Place Pick 9 (9/10/11-3/4/8-2/4/7-7) $178.04

TENTH-6½ fur; $45,000; clm($16,000); 4up

8	Stewie (Franco)	12.14	5.38	4.02
5	Mr Skylight (Elliott)		11.54	5.48
3	Princip (Castellano)			3.98

Scr: Graywing, Lotsa Trouble, Screaming Uncle

● $1 Pick 6 (4-9-3-7-7-8) $17124.34 ● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (7-7-1) $149.13 ● $1 Pick 3 (7-7-8) $1059.84 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (3-7-7-8) $3273.16 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (9-3-7-7-8) $79766.39 ● $1 Daily Double (7-8) $45.76 ● $1 Exacta (8-5) $44.74 ● $0.1 Superfecta (8-5-3-4) $96.98 ● $0.5 Trifecta (8-5-3) $113.55 ● $1 Consolation Double (7-1) $6.76 ● $1 Pick 3 (7-7-8) $1059.84 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (3-7-7-8) $3273.16 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (9-3-7-7-8) $79766.39 ● $1 Pick 6 (4-9-3-7-7-8) $17124.34 ● $1 Daily Double (7-8) $45.76 ● $1 Exacta (8-5) $44.74 ● $1 Consolidation Pick-3 (7-7-1) $149.13 ● $0.1 Show (8-5-3-4) $96.98 ● $0.5 Trifecta (8-5-3) $113.55 ● $1 Consolation Double (7-1) $6.76

Golf

PGA Tour - FedEx St. Jude Championship
At TPC Southwind; Memphis, Tenn.; Purse: $20 million; Yardage: 7,288; Par: 70
Final Round

Scottie Scheffler (750), $3,600,000	68-61-68-66	263	-17
Si Woo Kim (500), $2,160,000	70-68-65-68	271	-9
Sam Burns (338), $1,160,000	67-70-62-73	272	-8
Alex Noren (338), $1,160,000	71-66-66-69	272	-8
Wyndham Clark (288), $760,000	69-66-70-68	273	-7
Sungjae Im (288), $760,000	66-66-67-74	273	-7
Tommy Fleetwood (201), $582,000	66-68-68-72	274	-6
Jake Knapp (201), $582,000	65-70-67-72	274	-6
Hideki Matsuyama (201), $582,000	66-70-67-71	274	-6
Xander Schauffele (201), $582,000	67-72-68-67	274	-6
Ludvig Åberg (201), $582,000	68-65-74-67	274	-6
Patrick Cantlay (97), $368,571	69-66-70-70	275	-5
Bud Cauley (97), $368,571	66-72-70-67	275	-5
Nicolas Echavarria (97), $368,571	68-66-71-70	275	-5
Matt Fitzpatrick (97), $368,571	70-67-69-69	275	-5
Tom Kim (97), $368,571	69-72-63-71	275	-5
Kurt Kitayama (97), $368,571	65-73-66-71	275	-5
Adam Scott (97), $368,571	66-70-69-70	275	-5
Pierceson Coody (57), $242,400	71-66-70-69	276	-4
Viktor Hovland (57), $242,400	68-64-72-72	276	-4
Maverick McNealy (57), $242,400	68-70-69-69	276	-4
Patrick Rodgers (57), $242,400	67-69-71-69	276	-4
Jordan Spieth (57), $242,400	65-69-72-70	276	-4
Ryan Gerard (44), $162,000	70-70-68-69	277	-3
Harry Hall (44), $162,000	72-68-68-69	277	-3
Max Homa (44), $162,000	73-67-69-68	277	-3
Jackson Koivun (44), $162,000	71-70-66-70	277	-3
J.T. Poston (44), $162,000	71-68-66-72	277	-3
Alex Smalley (44), $162,000	68-68-72-69	277	-3
Jacob Bridgeman (34), $127,000	69-70-68-71	278	-2
Chris Gotterup (34), $127,000	66-70-69-73	278	-2
Brian Harman (34), $127,000	70-64-69-75	278	-2
Russell Henley (34), $127,000	71-70-67-70	278	-2
Rickie Fowler (26), $103,200	68-73-66-72	279	-1
Nicolai Højgaard (26), $103,200	73-70-68-68	279	-1
Keith Mitchell (26), $103,200	69-66-72-72	279	-1
J.J. Spaun (26), $103,200	71-69-67-72	279	-1
Sepp Straka (26), $103,200	68-73-72-66	279	-1
Justin Rose (22), $86,000	73-70-73-64	280	E
Nick Taylor (22), $86,000	69-68-69-74	280	E
Cameron Young (22), $86,000	69-69-72-70	280	E
Michael Brennan (19), $70,000	73-70-67-71	281	+1
Harris English (19), $70,000	68-75-71-67	281	+1
Ben Griffin (19), $70,000	73-71-69-68	281	+1
Sam Stevens (19), $70,000	69-71-70-71	281	+1
Gary Woodland (19), $70,000	66-71-70-74	281	+1
Corey Conners (15), $52,880	71-71-70-70	282	+2
Matti Schmid (15), $52,880	73-70-67-72	282	+2
Justin Thomas (15), $52,880	70-67-72-73	282	+2
Michael Thorbjornsen (15), $52,880	65-75-72-70	282	+2
Sudarshan Yellamaraju (15), $52,880	70-65-76-71	282	+2
Ryo Hisatsune (13), $47,200	69-70-71-73	283	+3
Shane Lowry (13), $47,200	69-72-72-70	283	+3
Collin Morikawa (13), $47,200	71-69-71-72	283	+3
Michael Kim (11), $45,600	65-72-74-73	284	+4
Min Woo Lee (11), $45,600	67-71-75-71	284	+4
Jordan L. Smith (11), $45,600	71-73-67-73	284	+4

LPGA Tour - The Standard Portland Classic
At Columbia Edgewater Country Club; Portland, Ore.; Purse: $2 million; Yardage: 6,541; Par: 72
Final Round

Jeeno Thitikul, $300,000	68-67-67-64	266	-22
Chanettee Wannasaen, $162,752	69-68-67-63	267	-21
Arpichaya Yubol, $162,752	66-66-68-67	267	-21
Sophia Schubert, $105,866	67-66-67-71	271	-17
Na Rin An, $71,095	69-68-66-69	272	-16
Pajaree Anannarukarn, $71,095	67-66-72-67	272	-16
Celine Boutier, $71,095	69-67-70-66	272	-16
Suvichaya Vinijchaitham, $48,545	67-70-70-66	273	-15
Rose Zhang, $48,545	70-65-70-68	273	-15
Chella Choi, $37,647	70-67-67-70	274	-14
Manon De Roey, $37,647	67-69-68-70	274	-14
Jiwon Jeon, $37,647	67-71-66-70	274	-14
Somi Lee, $37,647	72-68-67-67	274	-14

Champions Tour - Boeing Classic
At Snoqualmie Ridge; Snoqualmie, Wash.; Purse: $2.3 million; Yardage: 7,234; Par: 72
Final Round; x-Stewart Cink wins in a playoff

x-Stewart Cink, $345,000	68-71-65	204	-12
Miguel Ángel Jiménez, $202,400	70-70-64	204	-12
Søren Kjeldsen, $165,600	70-67-68	205	-11
Steven Alker, $88,714	67-68-71	206	-10
Fred Couples, $88,714	71-68-67	206	-10
Ernie Els, $88,714	75-67-64	206	-10
Steve Flesch, $88,714	68-69-69	206	-10
Jerry Kelly, $88,714	67-71-68	206	-10
George McNeill, $88,714	68-71-67	206	-10
David Toms, $88,714	71-69-66	206	-10
Matt Gogel, $52,900	70-70-68	208	-8
Scott Parel, $52,900	69-70-69	208	-8
Richard Green, $46,000	73-65-71	209	-7

DP World Tour - Danish Golf Championship
At Great Northern; Kerteminde; Purse: $2.8 million; Yardage: 7,314; Par: 72
Final Round

Jeff Winther, Denmark (585), $441,881	71-67-68-67	273	-15
Filippo Celli, Italy (210), $156,166	67-70-73-66	276	-12
Rasmus Højgaard, Denmark (210), $156,166	70-67-70-69	276	-12
Matthew Jordan, England (210), $156,166	68-67-70-71	276	-12
Oliver Lindell, Finland (210), $156,166	67-71-70-68	276	-12
Yanhan Zhou, China (210), $156,166	69-67-67-73	276	-12
Marcus Helligkilde, Denmark (96), $71,481	70-68-71-68	277	-11
Romain Langasque, France (96), $71,481	69-66-67-75	277	-11
Ewen Ferguson, Scotland (68), $50,686	69-65-73-71	278	-10
Joel Girrbach, Switzerland (68), $50,686	72-68-69-69	278	-10
Jacob Skov Olesen, Denmark (68), $50,686	70-69-70-69	278	-10
Freddy Schott, Germany (68), $50,686	67-70-72-69	278	-10

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	74	49	.602	—	—	7-3	L-3	41-21	33-28
Yankees	69	55	.556	5½	+8	5-5	W-1	31-27	38-28
Boston	66	58	.532	8½	+5	3-7	L-1	29-31	37-27
Baltimore	61	63	.492	13½	—	5-5	W-3	32-30	29-33
Toronto	61	65	.484	14½	1	7-3	L-1	33-33	28-32

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	65	58	.528	—	—	6-4	W-3	37-24	28-34
Detroit	60	64	.484	5½	1	5-5	L-3	32-31	28-33
Cleveland	60	65	.480	6	1½	3-7	L-1	29-33	31-32
Minnesota	60	65	.480	6	1½	4-6	L-3	32-31	28-34
Kansas City	51	74	.408	15	10½	3-7	W-1	29-30	22-44

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Houston	63	62	.504	—	—	4-6	L-2	31-31	32-31
Texas	61	64	.488	2	½	4-6	L-1	32-27	29-37
Seattle	59	66	.472	4	2½	3-7	W-2	33-29	26-37
Athletics	49	75	.395	13½	12	4-6	W-1	23-40	26-35
Los Angeles	49	76	.392	14	12½	5-5	L-1	29-36	20-40

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

Yankees 4, Toronto 3, 10 inn.
Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 2
Pittsburgh 8, Boston 3
San Diego 5, Cleveland 0
White Sox 7, Detroit 5
Philadelphia 7, Minnesota 5
Kansas City 3, L.A. Angels 0
Athletics 5, Texas 2
Seattle 3, Houston 2

Monday

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:05
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7:05
Arizona at Boston, 7:10
Athletics at Kansas City, 7:40
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7:40
White Sox at Cubs, 8:05

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	74	50	.597	—	—	5-5	W-1	42-23	32-27
Philadelphia	67	58	.536	7½	—	6-4	W-3	32-30	35-28
Miami	64	61	.512	10½	3	6-4	W-2	38-25	26-36
Washington	60	66	.476	15	7½	4-6	L-3	27-36	33-30
Mets	56	69	.448	18½	11	7-3	W-3	28-34	28-35

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	77	48	.616	—	—	5-5	W-2	41-22	36-26
Chicago	72	53	.576	5	+5	6-4	L-2	36-26	36-27
St. Louis	63	61	.508	13½	3½	7-3	W-2	32-34	31-27
Pittsburgh	61	65	.484	16½	6½	4-6	W-1	32-31	29-34
Cincinnati	59	64	.480	17	7	4-6	L-2	30-33	29-31

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	74	51	.592	—	—	5-5	L-2	37-26	37-25
San Diego	67	58	.536	7	—	8-2	W-1	37-26	30-32
Arizona	66	59	.528	8	1	5-5	L-1	36-27	30-32
San Francisco	51	73	.411	22½	15½	3-7	L-1	29-33	22-40
Colorado	50	74	.403	23½	16½	5-5	W-1	27-32	23-42

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

Mets 4, Washington 3
Atlanta 5, Arizona 3
Pittsburgh 8, Boston 3
San Diego 5, Cleveland 0
Miami 7, Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 7, Minnesota 5
St. Louis 11, Cubs 4
Milwaukee 6, L.A. Dodgers 2
Colorado 13, San Francisco 7

Monday

San Diego at **Mets**, 7:10
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 1:40, 1st gm.
Miami at Philadelphia, 6:40
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 6:40, 2nd gm.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7:05
Arizona at Boston, 7:10
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7:40
White Sox at Cubs, 8:05
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40

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Solution to Very Easy #7,373

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1	4	5	8	9	2	7	3	6

Solution to Difficult #7,163

Yankees 4, Blue Jays 3, 10 inn.

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Rice 1b	5	1	1	2	0	1	.251
García dh	3	0	1	1	1	1	.278
Ramos lf	4	0	1	0	1	0	.244
Grisham cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.221
Jones rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.210
Lombard ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	.270
McMahon 3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.215
Goldschmidt ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.247
Chisholm pr-2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.216
Wells c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.179
Rosario ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.227
A.Sánchez c	1	1	0	0	0	0	.267
Caballero 2b-3b	2	1	1	1	1	1	.242
Totals	**32**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**5**	**12**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bateman rf-cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.275
McAdoo 1b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.250
Smith ph-3b	1	1	0	0	0	0	.210
Kirk c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.271
Valenzuela pr-c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.225
Springer dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Clement 2b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.281
Okamoto 3b-1b	4	2	1	0	0	1	.227
Cameron lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.250
Giménez ss	4	0	2	1	0	1	.241
Straw cf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.221
Lukes ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Totals	**34**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**2**	**5**	

Yankees	**001 000 100 2 —**	**4**	**6**	**1**
Toronto	**000 010 001 1 —**	**3**	**7**	**0**

E: Rice (4). **LOB:** New York 6, Toronto 5. **2B:** Ramos (16), Lombard (1), Okamoto (17), Cameron (1). **HR:** Rice (33), off Fisher. **RBIs:** García (79), Caballero (42), Rice 2 (78), Cameron (1), Clement (43), Giménez (49). **SB:** Lombard (1), Caballero (30), Ramos (4), Giménez (17), Chisholm (32). **CS:** Giménez (3). **SF:** García, Clement. **S:** Caballero. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4 (Grisham 2, A.Sánchez, Wells); Toronto 2 (Bateman, Okamoto). **RISP:** New York 2 for 7; Toronto 2 for 9. **DP:** New York 2 (Lombard, Caballero, Rice; Lombard, Caballero, Rice); Toronto 1 (Giménez, Clement, Okamoto).

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Weathers	7.1	6	1	1	1	4	95	3.56
Bednar, W, 6-3	1.2	0	1	0	1	1	28	2.48
Hill, S, 2-6	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	11	4.53

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cease	6.1	2	2	2	3	10	104	2.42
Little	1.0	1	0	0	2	1	21	9.37
Sewald	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	18	5.98
Fisher, L, 3-4	1.0	2	2	1	0	0	12	3.57

T: 2:59. **A:** 42,351 (39,150).

Braves 5, Diamondbacks 3

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.247
Carroll rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.248
Moreno dh	4	1	1	1	0	2	.308
Marte 2b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.249
Kepler lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.216
Arenado 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Vargas 3b	2	1	1	1	0	0	.268
Tawa 1b	3	0	0	1	1	1	.234
McCann c	4	0	2	0	0	0	.300
Barrosa cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Totals	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**2**	**9**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	3	1	1	1	1	0	.274
Acuña rf	4	0	1	1	0	3	.244
Olson 1b	3	1	1	3	1	1	.264
Harris cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.288
Yastrzemski lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Albies 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.251
Smith dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.264
Riley 3b	4	2	2	0	0	1	.224
Jarvis ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.223
Totals	**31**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**3**	**8**	

Arizona	**000 100 101 —**	**3**	**6**	**0**
Atlanta	**001 010 30x —**	**5**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Arizona 5, Atlanta 6. **2B:** Acuña (12), Riley (19). **HR:** Moreno (9), off Elder; Vargas (9), off Fuentes; Olson (36), off Garcia. **RBIs:** Moreno (56), Vargas (60), Tawa (29), Baldwin (62), Acuña (32), Olson 3 (77). **SB:** Carroll (17), Baldwin (3), Harris (7), Olson (3), Acuña (16). **S:** Barrosa, Jarvis. **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 3 (Marte, McCann, Carroll); Atlanta 5 (Smith, Olson 2, Harris 2). **RISP:** Arizona 0 for 7; Atlanta 3 for 11. **Runners moved up:** Tawa, Jarvis, Baldwin.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Soroka	5.2	6	2	2	1	5	80	2.93
Clarke, L, 2-3	0.2	1	1	1	0	1	12	2.29
Garcia	0.2	1	2	2	1	2	17	2.52
Carrillo	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	11	0.66

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Elder	6.0	4	1	1	1	5	75	3.92
Fuentes, W, 5-1	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	21	2.52
Lee, H, 28	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	15	1.92
Iglesias, S, 25-28	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	21	3.15

T: 2:21. **A:** 29,629 (41,149).

Mets 4, Nationals 3

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Abrams ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Ortiz 1b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.300
Crews rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Lile lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.245
House 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Vivas 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.244
Chaparro dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.225
Tena ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Ruiz c	3	0	2	2	0	1	.275
Ford pr-c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Jac.Young cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.251
Totals	**32**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**11**	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.249
Lindor ss	3	1	1	0	1	1	.245
Bichette 3b	3	0	3	0	1	0	.266
Benge rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.272
Jar.Young 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.271
Robert lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.217
Baty 2b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.213
Polanco dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.144
Torrens c	3	1	1	2	0	0	.236
Totals	**32**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**3**	**9**	

Washington	**011 000 100 —**	**3**	**5**	**0**
Mets	**000 310 00x —**	**4**	**10**	**1**

E: Bichette (10). **LOB:** Washington 5, New York 7. **2B:** Baty (14), Jar.Young (12). **3B:** Bichette (2). **HR:** Ortiz (5), off Scott; Torrens (6), off Irvin. **RBIs:** Ruiz 2 (41), Ortiz (9), Polanco (6), Torrens 2 (30), Jar.Young (29). **CS:** Ewing (7). **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 1 (Ortiz); New York 3 (Robert, Benge, Jar.Young). **RISP:** Washington 2 for 6; New York 2 for 8. **DP:** Washington 1 (Vivas, Abrams, Ortiz).

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Irvin, L, 2-7	6.0	8	4	4	3	6	98	5.80
Kranick	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	19	6.94
Bird	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	16	5.97

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Scott, W, 4-3	6.1	5	3	3	2	7	90	3.51
Lavender, H, 4	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	7	0.00
Duarte, H, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0.93
Senga, S, 3-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	7.79

T: 2:26. **A:** 28,624 (42,136).

Marlins 7, Reds 1

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lopez ss	4	1	1	0	1	0	.308
Hernández lf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.231
Ramírez dh	5	2	2	2	0	0	.243
Edwards 2b	3	1	1	0	2	0	.284
Sanoja 3b	4	1	1	3	1	1	.270
Jiménez 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.207
Conine ph	0	0	0	1	1	0	.273
Pauley 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.194
Ruiz rf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Marsee cf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.209
Navarreto c	5	0	0	0	0	2	.087
Totals	**37**	**7**	**8**	**7**	**7**	**8**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.262
Stewart 1b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Bleday lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.217
Suárez dh	2	0	1	0	2	0	.205
Toglia rf-1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.167
McLain 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.194
Trevino c	3	0	2	0	0	0	.250
Marte rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.193
Friedl cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.160
Hayes 3b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.148
Stephenson ph-c	1	1	1	1	0	0	.251
Totals	**28**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**5**	**8**	

Miami	**000 000 025 —**	**7**	**8**	**0**
Cincinnati	**000 000 010 —**	**1**	**4**	**3**

E: De La Cruz 2 (14), Toglia (1). **LOB:** Miami 11, Cincinnati 5. **2B:** Ramírez (7). **HR:** Hernández (18), off Antone; Sanoja (5), off Marinaccio; Stephenson (12), off Petersen. **RBIs:** Hernández (50), Conine (29), Ramírez 2 (17), Sanoja 3 (45), Stephenson (39). **SB:** Ruiz (29), Ramírez (4), Edwards (19). **CS:** De La Cruz (7), Trevino (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 6 (Navarreto 3, Ruiz 2, Sanoja); Cincinnati 2 (Toglia, De La Cruz). **RISP:** Miami 2 for 6; Cincinnati 0 for 2.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pérez	6.0	2	0	0	5	5	100	3.23
Ekness, W, 1-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1.64
Petersen, H, 21	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	14	2.98
Zuber	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	3.33

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lodolo	5.0	3	0	0	2	2	73	4.52
Garcia	2.0	1	0	0	0	4	35	3.04
Antone, L, 2-2	0.2	2	2	1	2	0	30	3.60
Marinaccio	1.1	2	5	5	3	2	47	6.09

T: 2:55. **A:** 24,092 (43,891).

Orioles 10, Rays 2

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Holliday 2b-ss	4	2	2	3	1	0	.245
Alonso dh	1	1	1	2	2	0	.266
Franklin ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Henderson ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.220
Jackson ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	5	0	1	3	0	2	.250
Beavers lf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.238
Taveras rf	4	2	1	0	1	1	.226
Cowser cf	5	1	2	2	0	2	.217
Mayo 1b	3	2	1	0	1	0	.210
Pozo c	3	1	1	0	1	0	.255
Totals	**35**	**10**	**9**	**10**	**7**	**7**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	5	0	1	0	0	1	.302
Aranda 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.285
Caminero 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.274
Palacios 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Vilade rf	4	2	3	1	0	1	.256
Simpson lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.309
DeLuca cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.262
Mateo 2b-3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.241
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.269
Walls ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.220
Totals	**36**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**1**	**10**	

Baltimore	**000 037 000 —**	**10**	**9**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**000 101 000 —**	**2**	**9**	**0**

LOB: Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 8. **2B:** Alonso (23), Holliday (9), Encarnacion-Strand (4), Vilade (8), Simpson (13). **HR:** Cowser (11), off Matz; Vilade (10), off Rogers. **RBIs:** Holliday 3 (25), Alonso 2 (80), Cowser 2 (33), Encarnacion-Strand 3 (18), Vilade (36), Mateo (12). **RISP:** Baltimore 4 for 7; Tampa Bay 2 for 6. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Vilade, Aranda, Vilade).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rogers, W, 8-8	6.0	7	2	2	1	6	98	4.15
Hoppe	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	5.01
Wolfram	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	5.59
Suárez	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	4.06

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peralta, L, 5-10	4.2	1	2	2	3	2	76	5.27
Cleavinger	0.1	2	1	1	0	0	9	3.96
Matz	0.2	4	5	5	1	0	31	6.02
Boyle	3.1	2	2	2	3	5	84	5.21

T: 2:55. **A:** 18,598 (25,025).

Phillies 7, Twins 5

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schwarber dh	4	1	1	0	1	1	.247
Stott 3b-2b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.265
Harper rf-1b	4	2	1	0	1	0	.256
Arraez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.315
Hill pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.232
Bohm 1b-3b	4	2	2	4	0	1	.242
Marsh lf-cf-lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.274
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.215
Crawford cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.265
De La Cruz ph-lf-rf	2	0	1	2	0	0	.333
Sosa ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.219
Totals	**36**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**3**	**7**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.273
Martin lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Kreidler 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.228
b-Jeffers ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.284
Buxton cf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.257
Bell dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.253
Clemens 2b-lf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.230
Lewis 1b	2	1	1	0	2	0	.243
Lee 3b	4	1	1	4	0	1	.245
Keaschall rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.266
Caratini c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.227
Culpepper ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.250
Totals	**32**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**5**	**9**	

Philadelphia	**000 004 030 —**	**7**	**9**	**0**
Minnesota	**401 000 000 —**	**5**	**7**	**1**

E: Lewis (10). **LOB:** Philadelphia 5, Minnesota 6. **2B:** Schwarber (15), Crawford (16), Arraez (27). **3B:** Sosa (2). **HR:** Bohm (14), off Kremer; Lee (18), off Painter; Clemens (21), off Painter. **RBIs:** Arraez (51), Bohm 4 (68), De La Cruz 2 (8), Lee 4 (66), Clemens (57). **CS:** Keaschall (7). **RISP:** Philadelphia 3 for 12; Minnesota 1 for 4.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Painter	5.0	6	5	5	3	2	94	6.43
Mayza	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	3.51
Kerkering, W, 7-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.72
Bowlan, H, 9	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	14	2.62
Duran, S, 26-28	1.0	1	0	0	1	3	33	1.66

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kremer	5.1	5	4	4	2	6	89	5.40
Funderburk, H, 8	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.72
Minter, H, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.10
Morris, L, 4-4, BS, 3-6	1.0	4	3	3	1	0	28	3.39
Rogers	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5.00

T: 2:59. **A:** 29,614 (38,544).

White Sox 7, Tigers 5

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Antonacci lf	4	1	0	1	1	0	.275
Murakami 1b	5	1	1	2	0	2	.235
Vargas 3b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.239
Benintendi dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	.248
Grichuk ph-dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	.276
B.Montgomery rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.238
C.Montgomery ss	4	0	2	1	0	2	.212
Meidroth 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.278
Peters cf	1	2	1	0	1	0	.273
Doyle ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Romo c	4	1	1	2	0	0	.135
Totals	**35**	**7**	**8**	**7**	**6**	**9**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Torres 2b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.271
McGonigle 3b-ss	4	0	0	0	1	2	.281
Dingler c	4	0	1	1	1	1	.259
Keith dh	2	2	2	1	0	0	.269
Valencia ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.389
McKinstry rf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.216
Lee ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.265
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.228
Callahan lf	2	1	1	2	0	1	.500
Malgeri ph-lf-rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.268
Clark cf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.259
Báez ss-lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Totals	**34**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**5**	**5**	

Chicago	**001 021 201 —**	**7**	**8**	**0**
Detroit	**031 000 100 —**	**5**	**7**	**1**

E: McGonigle (13). **LOB:** Chicago 7, Detroit 7. **2B:** Peters (24), Grichuk (19), Torres (10), Dingler (24). **3B:** Callahan (1). **HR:** Romo (7), off Anderson; Murakami (28), off Holton; Vargas (28), off Waguespack; Keith (9), off Burke. **RBIs:** Antonacci (36), Romo 2 (15), C.Montgomery (71), Murakami 2 (57), Vargas (72), Callahan 2 (2), Clark (8), Keith (32), Dingler (82). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 4 (Romo, Meidroth 3); Detroit 4 (Báez, Dingler 2, Lee). **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 10; Detroit 3 for 11. **DP:** Detroit 1 (Torres, Torkelson).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burke	4.1	5	4	4	3	2	72	3.15
Smith, W, 2-0	1.2	0	0	0	1	1	26	0.00
Brazobán, H, 10	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	9	2.87
Newcomb, S, 4-5	2.1	0	0	0	1	2	33	2.51

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Anderson	5.0	4	3	3	2	5	74	4.01
Holton, L, 1-5, BS, 2-4	1.0	3	3	3	2	1	33	3.10
Rainey	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	24	0.00
Waguespack	2.0	1	1	1	0	1	28	1.67

T: 2:50. **A:** 34,251 (41,083).

Royals 3, Angels 0

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.219
Witt ss	5	1	1	1	0	2	.282
Caglianone 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.272
Perez dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.214
Massey 2b	4	1	3	1	0	0	.271
Loftin 3b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.235
Collins lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.229
Rave rf	4	1	0	0	0	1	.200
Isbel cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Totals	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**3**	**8**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Trout dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Grissom 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Siri cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Meckler lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.291
Guzman 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Peraza 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.228
d'Arnaud c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.188
Lowe rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.201
Totals	**28**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**8**	

Kansas City	**000 110 100 —**	**3**	**7**	**0**
Los Angeles	**000 000 000 —**	**0**	**1**	**1**

E: Peraza (3). **LOB:** Kansas City 8, Losgeles 2. **HR:** Massey (11), off Johnson; Witt (14), off Johnson. **RBIs:** Massey (42), Witt (43), Jensen (56). **S:** Isbel. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 4 (Perez, Collins, Rave 2); Los Angeles 1 (Neto). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 5; Los Angeles 0 for 2. **Runners moved up:** Collins, Loftin, Witt, d'Arnaud. **GIDP:** Collins. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (Grissom, d'Arnaud, Grissom).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cameron, W, 7-8	9.0	1	0	0	1	8	115	4.16

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Johnson, L, 2-7	5.1	5	2	2	2	4	85	6.41
Weiman	1.0	2	1	0	0	1	24	0.00
Fulmer	1.2	0	0	0	1	1	21	0.00
Murphy	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	18	2.25

T: 2:16. **A:** 28,036 (45,517).

Cardinals 11, Cubs 4

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	4	3	2	1	1	0	.243
Herrera dh	3	1	1	1	1	1	.249
Burleson 1b	5	2	3	4	0	1	.288
Walker rf	4	1	3	4	0	0	.284
Baez lf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.333
Pereira lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Church cf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.233
Winn ss	4	1	0	0	1	1	.236
Crooks c	4	2	2	0	1	1	.184
Jordan 3b	5	1	2	1	0	2	.252
Totals	**38**	**11**	**13**	**11**	**5**	**9**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	5	1	1	2	0	3	.276
Suzuki rf	5	1	1	0	0	3	.273
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.251
Happ lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.214
Taylor ph-lf	0	0	0	1	0	0	.236
Hoerner 2b-ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.260
Ramirez 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.299
Swanson ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Triantos ph-2b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.125
Conforto dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.229
Amaya c	3	1	1	1	1	1	.241
Totals	**32**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**5**	**11**	

St. Louis	**210 600 020 —**	**11**	**13**	**0**
Chicago	**002 000 011 —**	**4**	**6**	**0**

LOB: St. Louis 7, Chicago 7. **2B:** Wetherholt (13), Crooks (5), Walker 2 (26), Burleson (31), Suzuki (24). **HR:** Burleson (21), off Cabrera; Walker (24), off Rolison; Crow-Armstrong (28), off Dobbins; Amaya (5), off Ferguson. **RBIs:** Burleson 4 (90), Jordan (24), Wetherholt (46), Herrera (52), Walker 4 (88), Crow-Armstrong 2 (75), Taylor (29), Amaya (22). **SF:** Herrera, Taylor. **RISP:** St. Louis 5 for 10; Chicago 0 for 7. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Bregman, Hoerner, Ramirez).

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Dobbins, W, 3-3	5.0	2	2	2	4	7	96	3.42
Gastelum	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	29	6.11
Graceffo	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	19	3.26
Ferguson	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	19	4.08

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cabrera, L, 5-5	3.2	6	7	7	3	2	77	5.68
Rolison	1.1	2	2	2	1	0	18	2.57
Civale	2.0	2	0	0	0	4	35	4.94
Thielbar	0.2	1	2	2	1	2	15	5.54
Thornton	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	5	2.58
Kelly	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	0.00

T: 3:06. **A:** 39,395 (41,363).

Brewers 6, Dodgers 2

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Contreras dh	4	0	1	0	1	0	.257
Lara cf	4	1	0	0	1	0	.224
Chourio lf	5	3	3	0	0	1	.275
Bauers 1b	4	1	4	2	1	0	.275
Vaughn 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.300
Hamilton pr-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Sánchez c	5	0	0	0	0	2	.220
Lockridge rf	4	1	0	0	1	3	.268
Ortiz ss	4	0	0	0	0	4	.243
Ornelas 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.158
Totals	**39**	**6**	**11**	**3**	**4**	**12**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.289
Freeman 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.298
Pages cf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.270
Muncy 3b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.249
Rojas ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Betts ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.236
Tucker rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Edman 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.265
T.Hernández lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Rortvedt c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.182
Feduccia ph-c	1	0	1	0	0	0	.239
Totals	**31**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**1**	**7**	

Milwaukee	**010 010 202 —**	**6**	**11**	**0**
Los Angeles	**000 100 001 —**	**2**	**6**	**2**

E: Edman 2 (3). **LOB:** Milwaukee 10, Los Angeles 3. **2B:** Chourio 2 (22), Bauers (18). **HR:** Muncy (24), off Henderson; Pages (21), off Hall. **RBIs:** Bauers 2 (70), Vaughn (35), Muncy (60), Pages (78). **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 6 (Lockridge 2, Vaughn, Chourio 2, Sánchez); Los Angeles 0. **RISP:** Milwaukee 2 for 9; Los Angeles 1 for 2. **GIDP:** Vaughn, Edman, Ohtani. **DP:** Milwaukee 2 (Ornelas, Ortiz, Bauers; Ornelas, Ortiz, Bauers); Los Angeles 1 (Betts, Edman, Freeman).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hndrsn, W, 7-2	7.0	3	1	1	1	6	93	2.70
Patrick, H, 8	0.1	2	0	0	0	0	11	3.39
Ashby, H, 11	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.39
Hall	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	14	2.63

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skubal, L, 7-7	6.0	7	2	1	2	7	109	2.85
Henriquez	0.2	1	1	1	0	0	8	3.12
Vesia	0.1	2	1	1	0	0	9	2.98
Hurt	1.1	1	2	0	1	3	30	4.31
Dreyer	0.2	0	0	0	1	2	18	3.04

T: 2:51. **A:** 45,828 (56,000).

Pirates 8, Red Sox 3

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Sogard 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.240
Rafaela cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.285
Abreu rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.257
Rutschman dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.239
Durbin 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.252
Monasterio ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Duran lf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.203
White ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Seigler 2b	2	1	1	0	1	0	.252
Wong c	3	1	2	3	0	0	.248
Totals	**31**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**3**	**13**	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Triolo ss	5	1	1	0	0	0	.243
Valdez rf	4	2	2	0	1	1	.261
Reynolds dh	3	2	2	2	1	0	.264
Lowe 2b	4	1	2	2	0	2	.252
Flores 1b	3	1	1	0	1	2	.300
Mangum lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.300
Yorke 3b	4	0	2	3	0	1	.213
Cook cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.188
Davis c	3	0	0	1	0	0	.169
Totals	**33**	**8**	**11**	**8**	**4**	**7**	

Boston	**000 030 000 —**	**3**	**5**	**1**
Pittsburgh	**205 000 10x —**	**8**	**11**	**0**

E: Sandoval (2). **LOB:** Boston 4, Pittsburgh 6. **2B:** Seigler (12), Valdez 2 (12), Reynolds (30). **HR:** Wong (4), off Barco. **RBIs:** Wong 3 (22), Reynolds 2 (65), Lowe 2 (79), Yorke 3 (9), Davis (31). **SB:** Yorke (1). **SF:** Davis. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 3 (Rafaela, Duran, Rutschman); Pittsburgh 4 (Mangum 2, Triolo, Cook). **RISP:** Boston 1 for 7; Pittsburgh 7 for 13. **Runners moved up:** Monasterio, Mangum. **GIDP:** Monasterio, Reynolds. **DP:** Boston 1 (Durbin, Seigler, Sogard); Pittsburgh 1 (Yorke, Lowe, Flores).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sandoval, L, 1-2	4.0	9	7	7	3	6	89	4.76
Burgos	4.0	2	1	1	1	1	52	2.70

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bachar	3.0	2	0	0	1	4	52	3.80
Barco	3.0	2	3	3	1	4	47	7.64
Yates, W, 1-5	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	3.71
Doval	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	15	4.24
Montgomery	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	3.54

T: 2:34. **A:** 25,575 (38,753).

Rockies 13, Giants 7

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy cf-rf	3	2	1	0	2	0	.296
Carrigg ss-cf	3	0	1	2	1	1	.292
Moniak dh	4	0	1	3	0	1	.264
Castro 3b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.262
Johnston 1b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.282
Veen rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.250
Norby 2b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.203
Beck lf	3	3	0	0	2	2	.194
Sullivan c	4	2	1	3	1	0	.241
Amador 2b	1	3	1	3	2	0	.500
Tovar ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Totals	**32**	**13**	**9**	**12**	**10**	**5**	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Gilbert cf	5	1	1	1	0	0	.242
Devers dh	5	2	2	3	0	0	.246
Eldridge 1b	3	1	1	1	2	1	.247
Lee rf	5	0	1	0	0	0	.292
Basabe 2b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.283
Cox ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Cavanaugh c	5	0	2	0	0	0	.250
Hill lf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.167
Kennedy 3b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.091
Koss ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.198
Totals	**37**	**7**	**11**	**7**	**4**	**7**	

Colorado	**040 024 300 —**	**13**	**9**	**1**
San Francisco	**141 010 000 —**	**7**	**11**	**1**

E: Johnston (4), Hill (1). **LOB:** Colorado 4, San Francisco 8. **2B:** Carrigg (15), Devers (30), Basabe (2). **HR:** Amador (1), off Tidwell; Sullivan (7), off Winn; Devers (25), off Hughes. **RBIs:** Veen (5), Amador 3 (3), Carrigg 2 (33), Moniak 3 (57), Sullivan 3 (26), Eldridge (32), Gilbert (29), Devers 3 (69), Hill (2), Kennedy (1). **SB:** Norby (8). **CS:** Gilbert (4), McCarthy (5). **SF:** Moniak. **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 3 (Castro 3); San Francisco 2 (Koss 2). **RISP:** Colorado 5 for 9; San Francisco 5 for 9. **DP:** Colorado 1 (Norby, Tovar, Johnston); San Francisco 2 (Eldridge; Basabe, Kennedy, Koss, Basabe).

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hughes	4.0	8	7	7	1	2	81	6.69
Frasso, W, 1-1	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	28	6.75
Mushinski, H, 2	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	14	3.18
Herget	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	19	6.17
Agnos	2.0	2	0	0	0	2	26	5.60

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Tidwell	4.1	3	6	6	5	1	63	4.33
Hentges, L, 1-5	1.1	1	2	2	2	1	30	3.07
Brubaker, BS, 2-4	0.0	0	2	2	2	0	13	3.59
Sanmartin	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	10	9.39
Winn	0.2	2	2	2	1	0	18	3.35
Harris	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	19	13.50
Foley	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	4.66

T: 3:08. **A:** 32,063 (41,915).

Athletics 5, Rangers 2

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Langford lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.254
Duran ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.263
Nimmo rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.271
Burger 1b	4	1	3	2	0	0	.239
Foscue 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.252
Kelenic ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Lopez 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Freeman 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.227
Díaz c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.226
Wynns dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	.146
Pederson ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Carter cf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.196
Totals	**32**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**2**	**12**	

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bolte cf	5	1	3	0	0	0	.267
Gelof lf	5	1	2	2	0	0	.276
Wilson ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.266
Heim c	2	0	0	0	2	1	.216
White 1b-3b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.265
Butler rf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.208
Muncy dh	3	0	2	0	1	0	.215
Williams 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.272
Hernaiz 3b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.242
McNeil ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Totals	**34**	**5**	**13**	**5**	**3**	**5**	

Texas	**011 000 000 —**	**2**	**7**	**1**
Athletics	**020 000 21x —**	**5**	**13**	**0**

E: Díaz (5). **LOB:** Texas 6, Athletics 9. **2B:** Carter (11), Muncy (9). **HR:** Burger (21), off J.Lopez; Butler (11), off Bradford; Gelof (14), off Junis; White (1), off Gray. **RBIs:** Burger 2 (73), Butler 2 (36), Gelof 2 (34), White (2). **CS:** Bolte (8), Gelof (2), Freeman (1). **S:** Freeman. **RISP:** Texas 1 for 6; Athletics 1 for 6. **DP:** Texas 1 (Freeman, Foscue, Burger).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bradford	4.0	8	2	2	1	4	81	2.93
Silseth	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	15	2.83
Alexander	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	9	3.35
Junis, L, 1-2	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	18	3.00
Gray	0.1	3	1	1	0	0	15	3.35
Winn	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	3	5.86

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
J.Lopez	6.0	5	2	2	2	6	93	5.22
Medina, W, 4-3	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	18	3.60
Alvarado, H, 7	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	15	4.66
Rom, H, 2	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	2.35
Harris, S, 12-17	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	3.50

T: 2:39. **A:** 7,343 (14,014).

Padres 5, Guardians 0

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	5	0	2	0	0	0	.280
Cronenworth 2b	5	1	1	1	0	0	.222
Machado dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.211
France 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.291
Merrill cf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.244
Rengifo 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.245
Song 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Sheets lf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.211
Bowen lf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.158
Bogaerts ss	2	0	1	1	2	0	.223
Fermin c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.193
Totals	**35**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**4**	**5**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
DeLauter rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.285
Martínez lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Ramírez 3b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.236
Adell lf-rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Lowe 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.269
Hoskins dh	2	0	0	0	1	1	.178
Bazzana 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Hedges c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Rocchio ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.253
Totals	**29**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**3**	**6**	

San Diego	**020 100 011 —**	**5**	**10**	**0**
Cleveland	**000 000 000 —**	**0**	**3**	**0**

LOB: San Diego 8, Cleveland 5. **2B:** Lowe (20). **HR:** Rengifo (4), off Bibee; Sheets (16), off Bibee; Bowen (2), off Herrin; Cronenworth (4), off Allen. **RBIs:** Rengifo (32), Sheets (45), Bogaerts (46), Bowen (7), Cronenworth (20). **CS:** Ramírez (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 2 (France, Tatis); Cleveland 2 (Bazzana, Lowe). **RISP:** San Diego 1 for 7; Cleveland 0 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Rengifo, Sheets. LI**DP:** Fermin. **GIDP:** France. **DP:** Cleveland 2 (Lowe, Rocchio, Lowe; Bazzana, Lowe).

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mize, W, 5-7	6.0	3	0	0	1	3	86	3.18
Estrada, H, 12	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	20	3.38
Morejon	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.71
Matsui	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	19	2.25

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bibee, L, 4-13	6.0	7	3	3	3	3	96	4.01
Festa	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	15	4.03
Herrin	0.2	1	1	1	1	2	21	3.67
Allen	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	14	3.24
Smith	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.29

T: 2:42. **:** 24,708 (34,788).

Mariners 3, Astros 2

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Donovan 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.254
Arozarena lf	5	1	2	1	0	0	.276
Canzone rf	4	0	2	1	1	2	.260
Rodríguez cf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.258
Naylor 1b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.267
Young 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Raleigh c	3	1	1	1	1	1	.158
Wilson dh	2	0	0	0	2	0	.200
Rodden ss	2	1	1	0	2	1	.300
Totals	**33**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**7**	**8**	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.288
Alvarez lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.321
Smith pr-rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.223
Paredes 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.260
Altuve dh-2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.245
Varsho cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.234
Wade rf-lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.222
Diaz c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.251
Allen 2b	2	1	1	1	0	0	.259
Velázquez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Hader p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Trammell ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.223
Totals	**33**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**2**	**9**	

Seattle	**101 001 000 —**	**3**	**8**	**0**
Houston	**000 101 000 —**	**2**	**7**	**0**

LOB: Seattle 11, Houston 7. **2B:** Canzone (19), Rodríguez (18), Arozarena (26). **HR:** Arozarena (17), off Brown; Raleigh (13), off Sousa; Peña (14), off Woo; Allen (2), off Woo. **RBIs:** Arozarena (53), Canzone (52), Raleigh (44), Peña (40), Allen (13). **SB:** Naylor (24). **CS:** Arozarena (7), Naylor (7). **RISP:** Seattle 1 for 11; Houston 1 for 2. **Runners moved up:** Rodríguez 2. **GIDP:** Allen. **DP:** Seattle 1 (Young, Naylor).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Woo, W, 9-8	6.0	3	2	2	1	5	75	4.10
Bazardo, H, 24	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	16	3.05
Speier, H, 15	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	13	2.78
Domínguz, H, 5	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	6	4.60
Muñoz, S, 22-29	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	18	4.37

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown, L, 3-3	5.0	3	2	2	5	5	90	3.67
Sousa	1.0	3	1	1	1	1	24	3.86
Abreu	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	22	4.40
Okert	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.04
Hader	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	0.90

T: 2:55. **A:** 27,971 (41,000).

Tennis

Western & Southern Open

At Lindner Family Tennis Center; Cincinnati; Purse: $9,415,725; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor; Sunday seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Round of 64

Christopher O'Connell, Australia, def. Casper Ruud (11), Norway, 7-5, 1-2, ret.
Michael Zheng, United States, def. Ugo Humbert (24), France, 6-4, 6-3.
Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, def. Marco Trungelliti, Argentina, 6-4, 7-5.
Joao Fonseca (23), Brazil, def. Botic Van de Zandschulp, Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Felix Auger-Aliassime (2), Canada, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 6-3, 7-5.
Lorenzo Musetti (10), Italy, def. Daniel Altmaier, Germany, 6-4, 6-2.
Taylor Fritz (6), United States, def. Alex Michelsen, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Brandon Nakashima (27), United States, def. Aleksandar Kovacevic, United States, 6-2, 7-5.
Juan Manuel Cerundolo, Argentina, def. Arthur Rinderknech (25), France, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).
Nuno Borges, Portugal, def. Francisco Cerundolo (20), Argentina, 6-4, 6-4.
Andrey Rublev (13), Russia, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Learner Tien (16), United States, def. Sebastian Baez, Argentina, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Daniel Merida, Spain, def. Zizou Bergs (30), Belgium, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's Singles - Round of 64

Mirra Andreeva (5), Russia, def. Oleksandra Oliynykova, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-0.
Elena Rybakina (2), Kazakhstan, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Sara Bejlek, Czechia, def. Barbora Krejcikova (23), Czechia, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Iga Swiatek (7), Poland, def. Emiliana Arango, Colombia, 6-3, 6-0.
Madison Keys (20), United States, def. Daria Snigur, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Marie Bouzkova (22), Czechia, def. Lucrezia Stefanini, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.
Ann Li (28), United States, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 7-5, 6-3.
Aryna Sabalenka (1), Belarus, def. Talia Gibson, Australia, 6-2, 7-6 (2).
Marta Kostyuk (10), Ukraine, def. Sofia Kenin, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Katerina Siniakova (33), Czechia, def. Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Spain, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-1.
Iva Jovic (13), United States, def. Tamara Korpatsch, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
Ekaterina Alexandrova (16), Russia, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-5.
Wang Xiyu, China, def. Leylah Fernandez (30), Canada, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Anastasia Potapova (24), Russia, 6-2, 6-4.

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	13	2	4	43	39	15
Inter Miami CF	11	3	5	38	46	36
Chicago	10	6	2	32	34	24
New England	9	7	3	30	29	25
Charlotte FC	8	7	4	28	32	28
Cincinnati	7	6	6	27	46	45
NYCFC	7	7	5	26	33	27
Red Bulls	7	8	4	25	30	41
D.C. United	5	5	9	24	27	30
Orlando City	6	10	3	21	31	48
Columbus	5	9	5	20	27	31
Toronto FC	4	7	8	20	26	33
Philadelphia	5	10	4	19	28	35
CF Montréal	4	10	5	17	25	36
Atlanta	4	12	3	15	21	34

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	11	3	5	38	40	17
Houston	11	6	2	35	28	24
Los Angeles FC	10	6	4	34	35	20
San Jose	10	6	3	33	38	27
FC Dallas	8	5	6	30	34	26
St Louis City	8	6	5	29	27	25
Real Salt Lake	8	6	4	28	30	26
Colorado	8	10	1	25	29	25
Seattle FC	7	8	4	25	20	24
Minn. United	6	6	7	25	21	26
Portland	7	9	3	24	34	35
San Diego FC	6	7	6	24	33	29
LA Galaxy	5	8	7	22	24	30
Austin FC	4	10	5	17	23	38
Sporting K.C.	4	13	2	14	18	48

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Sunday

Philadelphia 3, **NYCFC** 2
Chicago 2, Portland 1
FC Dallas 2, Austin FC 1
Vancouver 2, Seattle FC 0

Wednesday

NYCFC at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Nashville at **Red Bulls**, 7:30pm
CF Montréal at Columbus, 7:30pm
New England at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Chicago at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Charlotte FC at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
St Louis City at Sporting K.C., 8pm
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
FC Dallas at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
Austin FC at Seattle FC, 9:30pm
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
San Diego FC at Portland, 10:30pm
Houston at Vancouver, 10:30pm

Soccer

English FA Community Shield
Arsenal 3, Manchester City 0
English League Championship
Watford 2, Southampton 1
Burnley 2, West Ham United 2
Brazilian Serie A
Atletico-MG 3, Gremio 0
Santos 3, Vasco de Gama 0
Flamengo 5, Mirassol 1
Vitoria 1, Botofogo 0
Cruzeiro 2, Corinthians 1
Chapecoense 3, Bahia 3
Coppa Italia
Hellas Verona 2, Virtus Entella 2
(Hellas Verona wins 3-2 on penalties)
Mantova 2, Lazio 0
Frosinone 4, Juve Stabia 1
Genova 4, Ascoli 1
Denmark Superliga
Randers FC 2, Lyngby 0
Horsens 0, Brondby 2
Trophee des Champions
Lens 1, Paris Saint-Germain **0**
Spanish La Liga
Racing Santander 2, Villarreal 2
Espanyol 3, Levante 0

NFL Preseason - Wk. 2

Thursday

Las Vegas at Houston, 5pm
San Francisco at L.A. Chargers, 7pm

Friday

Jets at Pittsburgh, 4pm
Carolina at Jacksonville, 4:30pm
Green Bay at Denver, 6pm

Saturday

Giants at Miami, 1pm
Washington at Detroit, 9am
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 10am
Baltimore at Minnesota, 10am
Buffalo at Cleveland, 10am
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 1pm
Chicago at Cincinnati, 4pm
Philadelphia at New England, 4pm
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 4:30pm
Dallas at Arizona, 7pm

Sunday, Aug. 23

Seattle at Tennessee, 5pm

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	23	12	.657	—
Atlanta	21	13	.618	1½
Liberty	22	14	.611	1½
Washington	20	14	.588	2½
Chicago	13	22	.371	10
Toronto	10	23	.303	12
Connecticut	8	25	.242	14

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Minnesota	29	7	.806	—
Golden State	24	9	.727	3½
x-Las Vegas	24	12	.667	5
Dallas	20	15	.571	8½
Portland	15	20	.429	13½
Phoenix	13	23	.361	16
Los Angeles	12	22	.353	16
Seattle	7	30	.189	22½

x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday

Liberty 82, Connecticut 75
Washington 80, Los Angeles 70
Minnesota 92, Las Vegas 87

Sunday

Chicago 82, Seattle 80
Indiana 95, Atlanta 91, OT
Portland 88, Phoenix 85

Monday

Dallas at Golden State, 10pm

Tuesday

Liberty at Chicago, 9pm
Indiana at Toronto, 7pm
Los Angeles at Connecticut, 7pm
Atlanta at Las Vegas, 9pm

Wednesday

Toronto at Washington, 7:30pm
Minnesota at Golden State, 10pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	**13**	**3**	**4**	**43**	**26**	**13**
Washington	11	5	4	37	30	18
Utah Royals FC	11	6	3	36	35	23
Portland	10	6	4	34	34	29
San Diego	10	7	3	33	25	21
North Carolina	9	7	3	30	34	29
Kansas City	9	8	3	30	31	28
Seattle	8	7	3	27	23	23
Angel City	7	7	4	25	27	20
Denver Summit FC	6	7	6	24	25	25
Houston	6	8	5	23	23	28
Orlando	7	11	2	23	24	31
Louisville	6	11	2	20	28	36
Boston Legacy FC	5	10	5	20	23	32
Bay FC	5	10	4	19	20	27
Chicago	4	14	1	13	9	34

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday

Houston 3, North Carolina 2
Washington 1, Angel City 1, tie

Wednesday

Seattle at Louisville, 6:30pm
Chicago at Houston, 8pm

Friday

Utah Royals FC at San Diego, 10pm

The POST Line

MLB
Monday

Favorite	Money Lines	Underdog
	American League	
RAYS	$135-163	Orioles
ROYALS	OFF	Athletics
	National League	
METS	$100-120	Padres
REDS Gm. 1	OFF	Cardinals
PHILLIES	$198-245	Marlins
REDS Gm. 2	OFF	Cardinals
Dodgers	$198-245	ROCKIES
	Interleague	
Tigers	$100-120	PIRATES
RED SOX	$130-157	D'backs
Braves	$102-123	TWINS
CUBS	$144-175	White Sox

Home team in CAPS

WNBA

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
	Monday	
VALKYRIES	7.5 (162.5)	Wings
	Tuesday	
Sparks	1.5 (173.5)	SUN

College Football
Saturday, Aug. 29

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Tcu	7.5 (47.5)	North Carolina
USC	38.5 (60.5)	San Jose State
N. DAKOTA ST.	7 (47.5)	Jacksonville St.
VIRGINIA	5.5 (53.5)	Nc State
STANFORD	5.5 (49.5)	Hawaii
E. MICHIGAN	8.5 (52.5)	Sacramento St.
FLORIDA ST.	31.5 (52.5)	New Mexico St.
UNLV	6.5 (57.5)	Memphis

*game held in Dublin, Ireland

Home team in CAPS

SPORTS SHORTS

GOLF: Scheffler wins FedEx St. Jude

Scottie Scheffler was back to his dominant form Sunday in Memphis, Tenn., turning a two-shot lead into a runaway in the FedEx St. Jude Championship. He closed with a 4-under 66 for an eight-shot victory, his first in nearly seven months and the largest margin in the 68-year history at the TPC Southwind.

● In Ardmore, Pa., **Jack Whaley** used double gloves, needed an umbrella, was stung by a wasp at rainy Merion Golf Club and still pushed through the inconveniences to cap a tremendous tournament and hold off **Jay Leng Jr.** to win the U.S. Amateur.

● In Portland, Ore., **Jeeno Thitikul** ran off five straight birdies early and closed with an 8-under 64 for a one-shot victory in The Standard Portland Classic.

NFL: Cowboys bring in Miller

Eight-time Pro Bowl linebacker **Von Miller** is set to play his 15th NFL season after signing with the Cowboys.

● Commanders backup quarterback **Marcus Mariota** has a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee, per reports.

● 49ers star tight end **George Kittle** said he expects to come off the physically unable to perform list before the start of the season and remains hopeful that his surgically repaired Achilles tendon will be healthy enough for him to play in Week 1.

● **John Niland**, a three-time All-Pro guard who helped the Cowboys win their first Super Bowl, has died. He was 82.

MLB: Orioles pummel Tampa Bay

Colton Cowser hit a two-run homer and **Christian Encarnacion-Strand** had a three-run double in a seven-run sixth, **Trevor Rogers** allowed two runs in six innings and the Orioles beat the Rays 10-2 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

● **Bryan Reynolds**, **Brandon Lowe** and **Nick Yorke** each had two RBIs to lift the Pirates over Boston 8-3 after a 2 ½- hour rain delay in Pittsburgh.

● In Los Angeles, **Logan Henderson** allowed one run in seven innings, **Jake Bauers** had four hits and two RBIs, and the Brewers beat the Dodgers 6-2 to take three of four in the matchup of division leaders.

● In Detroit, **Munetaka Murakami** hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning and the White Sox rallied for a 7-5 win over the Tigers to complete a three-game sweep.

● **Luis Rengifo** and **Gavin Sheets** hit back-to-back home runs in the second inning, **Casey Mize** allowed three hits in six innings to pick up his first win in a San Diego uniform, and the Padres defeated Cleveland 5-0 at home.

● **Alec Burleson** and **Jordan Walker** both homered and finished with three hits and four RBIs, and the Cardinals pounded the Cubs 11-4 for a second straight win at Wrigley Field.

● In Minneapolis, **Bryan De La Cruz** hit a two-run single in the eighth inning and the Phillies overcame a five-run deficit to beat the Twins 7-5 and sweep the three-game series.

● In Atlanta, **Matt Olson** hit a three-run homer to back six strong innings from **Bryce Elder**, leading the Braves past the Diamondbacks 5-3 to avoid a three-game sweep.

ETC.: NYCFC crumbles in 2nd half

New York City FC squandered a 2-0 lead, built on first-half goals from **Bénie Traoré** and **Luighi Hanri Sousa Santos**, as the Philadelphia Union rallied for a 3-2 victory Sunday at Yankee Stadium.

● In Atlanta, **Makayla Timpson** scored a career-high 20 points, including Indiana's first three field goals in overtime, and the Fever beat the Dream 95-91 to protect their hold on fourth place in the league standings.

TOP PLAY

Answer the 'Dor with Mets

By MIKE TURAY

The Mets and Padres face off Monday in Queens to kick off a three-game series.

San Diego visits Citi Field after sweeping the Brewers and recently winning six straight games before Cleveland snapped the streak. Meanwhile, the Mets continued their strong second half after completing a sweep of the Nationals on Sunday.

Nolan McLean (8-8, 3.42 ERA) will take the mound for the Mets, while the Padres will counter with two-time World Series champion Walker Buehler (7-5, 4.88 ERA).

McLean was solid in his previous outing against the Padres in early June. He pitched six innings, allowing just one earned run on three hits and three walks, along with five strikeouts. The right-hander is expected to utilize his signature sinker, which accounts for 32.5 percent of his pitch arsenal, according to StatCast.

For the Mets to maintain their recent success, they must contain a powerful lineup containing Fernando Tatis Jr. and red-hot Ty France while also receiving contributions from their own hitters.

With Juan Soto on the injured list with a calf injury, Francisco Lindor has stepped up as the Mets' top slugger, delivering impressive performances since the All-Star break. Lindor has rebounded from a calf strain that sidelined him earlier in the season.

Lindor is one of the Mets' strongest hitters against right-handed pitchers and has a home run off Buehler in one of his five career at-bats. I expect his recent success to continue against Buehler and that he can cover his 1.5 total bases line.

This matchup has all the makings of a high-scoring one, and if a clutch play is necessary, Lindor will likely be ready to deliver in any dramatic moment.

THE PLAY: Francisco Lindor to record over 1.5 total bases

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'26 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Padres	Buehler (R)	–	7-5	4.88	17-7	0-0	0.00	1-1	1-0	14.1	3.14
Mets	McLean (R)	(7:10pm)	8-8	3.42	11-13	0-0	1.50	0-0	1-1	17.1	4.15
Tigers	Valdez (L)	–	7-8	4.26	10-14	0-0	0.00	3-1	2-1	19.2	2.75
Pirates	Mlodzinski (R)	(7:05pm)	6-5	3.79	6-5	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-2	10.1	8.91
D'backs	Bratt (L)	–	1-1	3.74	4-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	18.0	1.50
Red Sox	TBD	(7:10pm)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Braves	Pérez (L)	–	8-6	2.96	11-8	0-0	0.00	1-4	2-0	16.0	0.00
Twins	Ober (R)	(7:40pm)	7-4	4.64	11-7	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-1	18.0	5.00
Athletics	Barnett (R)	–	1-3	6.16	0-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	13.1	8.78
Royals	Wacha (R)	(7:40pm)	5-8	3.46	7-17	0-1	7.20	1-2	0-1	18.1	2.45
Orioles	Young (R)	–	9-3	3.33	16-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	16.0	4.50
Rays	McClanahan (L)	(6:05pm)	9-6	3.09	12-8	1-0	3.56	7-0	1-1	13.0	4.85
White Sox	Castillo (R)		4-9	4.96	7-12	0-0	0.00	7-6	1-0	16.0	5.63
Cubs	Imanaga (L)	(8:05pm)	8-9	3.74	12-12	0-0	0.00	0-1	1-1	16.1	3.86
Cardinals	TBD	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Reds Gm. 1	TBD	(1:40pm)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Marlins	Junk (R)	–	6-7	4.41	8-9	0-1	1.69	0-2	2-1	14.0	1.93
Phillies	Sánchez (L)	(6:40pm)	15-4	2.54	18-7	0-0	0.00	3-0	2-0	17.0	1.06
Cardinals	TBD	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Reds Gm. 2	Lowder (R)	(6:40pm)	4-8	5.15	8-10	0-0	2.25	–	1-1	17.1	3.12
Dodgers	Snell (L)	–	0-1	5.00	1-1	0-0	0.00	4-2	*0-1	9.0	5.00
Rockies	Sugano (R)	(8:40pm)	12-5	4.43	14-7	0-2	4.39	0-3	2-1	17.2	3.06

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started. *Only two starts in '26.

STITCHES

Be Brave. Take Atlanta, Pérez

"The Secret Service hid President Trump in a catering truck to avoid a possible assassination attempt. They went so far as to sweep the truck for Mexican iceberg lettuce, so no minor explosions could derail the operation." *— D Mac*

Following the Braves to Minnesota. The Twins' Bailey Ober has given up eight runs on 14 hits in his last 12 innings. Atlanta's Martin Pérez hasn't allowed a run in his last 16 innings. Pérez is a career 99-99. The maladjusted Stitches will take the well-balanced Pérez and the Braves for $50.

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Bravo! Bryce Elder charmed the Snakes, allowing one run. With the game tied at 2-2, Matt Olson put Atlanta in charge by launching a three-run homer, his 36th of the year. In the ninth inning, the D'backs had runners on first and second with none out. Bad feeling. You know it. The feeling you get when you see the skeletal Ariana Grande. Concerned and nervous that all is *not* well. But the Braves held on. Final: 5-3. We are on a $254 run! But we're still down -427 ralphgarrs.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY Aug. 17	TUE Aug. 18	WED Aug. 19	THU Aug. 20	FRI Aug. 21
	NO GAME	Baltimore 6:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Baltimore 6:35 Prime Video 660 AM 101.9 FM	Baltimore 6:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Toronto 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	San Diego 7:10 SNY 880 AM	San Diego 7:10 SNY 880 AM	San Diego 1:10 SNY 880 AM	NO GAME	White Sox 7:40 PIX11 880 AM
	NO GAME	Chicago 9:00 ESPN	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME

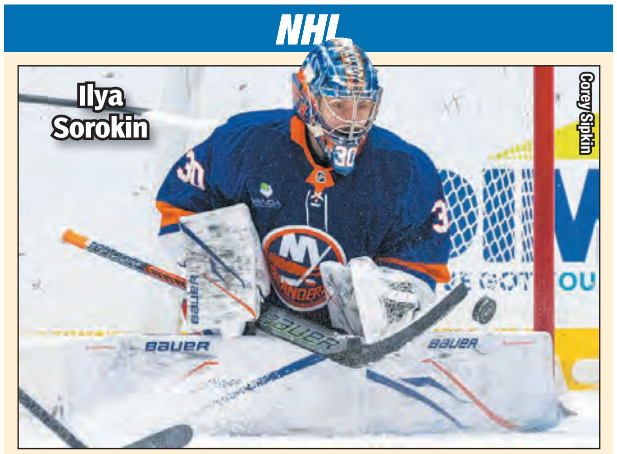
Saturday		Friday	
	Preseason: Miami 4:00 WNBC 4 101.9 FM		Preseason: Pittsburgh 7:00 WCBS 2 104.3 FM

Wednesday		Wednesday		Sunday, Aug. 23	
	Nashville SC 7:30 Apple TV		FC Cincinnati 7:30 Apple TV		Angel City FC 8:00 ION

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
7 p.m.	Tigers at Pirates	ESPN
7:10 p.m.	Padres at Mets	SNY, 880 AM
WNBA BASKETBALL		
10 p.m.	Wings at Valkyries	NBCSN, Peacock
TENNIS		
11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Cincinnati Open: 3rd Round	Tennis
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL		
4 p.m.	American Legion World Series Semi.: Stripes No. 1 vs. Stars No. 2	ESPNU
7 p.m.	American Legion World Series Semi.: Stars No. 1 vs. Stripes No. 2	ESPNU

NHL



Corey Sipkin

Calder Trophy

NAME	ODDS	NAME	ODDS
Logan Thompson	+500	Mackenzie Blackwood	50/1
Connor Hellebuyck	+700	Spencer Knight	50/1
Igor Shesterkin	+900	Dan Vladar	55/1
Andrei Vasilevskiy	+950	Sergei Bobrovsky	55/1
Ilya Sorokin	10/1	Frederik Andersen	60/1
Jacob Markstrom	14/1	Darcy Kuemper	60/1
Jeremy Swayman	14/1	Jake Allen	60/1
Jesper Wallstedt	18/1	Joel Hofer	70/1
Jet Greaves	20/1	Carter Hart	70/1
Jake Oettinger	20/1	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	70/1
Lukas Dostal	22/1	John Gibson	80/1
Jakub Dobes	27/1	Yaroslav Askarov	80/1
Karel Vejmelka	35/1	Filip Gustavsson	100/1
Brandon Bussi	40/1	Juuse Saros	100/1
Linus Ullmark	45/1	Jacob Fowler	125/1
Scott Wedgewood	50/1	Thatcher Demko	150/1

ODDS & ENDS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Conference champions

SEC	ODDS
Georgia	+280
Texas	+330
Alabama	+900
LSU	+900
Ole Miss	+900
Oklahoma	+900
Texas A&M	11/1
Tennessee	18/1
Florida	22/1
Missouri	35/1
Auburn	40/1
South Carolina	40/1
Vanderbilt	80/1
Kentucky	125/1
Mississippi State	150/1
Arkansas	300/1

BIG TEN	ODDS
Ohio State	+180
Oregon	+270
Indiana	+300
USC	14/1
Michigan	16/1
Penn State	19/1
Washington	30/1
Iowa	45/1
Wisconsin	100/1
Minnesota	125/1
Illinois	125/1
UCLA	125/1
Nebraska	200/1
Northwestern	350/1
Rutgers	400/1
Michigan State	400/1
Maryland	400/1
Purdue	400/1

BIG 12	ODDS
Texas Tech	-105
BYU	+550
Utah	+900
Houston	16/1
Kansas State	16/1
TCU	17/1
Arizona State	22/1
Arizona	22/1
Oklahoma State	29/1
Baylor	35/1
West Virginia	40/1
UCF	45/1
Kansas	50/1
Cincinnati	80/1
Colorado	80/1
Iowa State	100/1

ACC	ODDS
Miami (Fla.)	-150
Louisville	+750
SMU	+750
Clemson	16/1
Pittsburgh	20/1
Virginia	22/1
Virginia Tech	25/1
N.C. State	25/1
Georgia Tech	35/1
California	35/1
Florida State	45/1
Duke	70/1
Wake Forest	80/1
Syracuse	100/1
North Carolina	125/1
Stanford	350/1
Boston College	400/1

BET SMART

Surprise Playoff party crashers

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BORN TO (ROAD)RUN: UTSA head coach Jeff Traylor has a solid path to the American Conference crown, as well as a Group of 6 invitation to the College Football Playoff.

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

The new era of college football is all about being bold.

The first two seasons since the Great Realignment and the expansion of the College Football Playoff have shown us that what we think we know before a season will be irrelevant by the time the dust settles.

We've seen the miraculous rise of a powerhouse (Indiana) and the dramatic falls of others (Penn State, Clemson). It's anybody's guess what is to come over the next four months.

Here are a pair of bold bets you can make at DraftKings Sportsbook to try to take advantage of the chaos:

Oklahoma State to win Big 12 (29/1)

Curt Cignetti and Indiana showed us what can happen when a rising coach lands in the right situation and brings his gang along with him. I don't expect Eric Morris to pull off the same miracle in Stillwater that Cignetti did in Bloomington, but I do think there's a chance for the 2026 Pokes to do something special.

Morris led North Texas to its best season ever in 2025, and he did it in style. The Mean Green (12-2) were the best offensive team in the country by yards per game (512.4), points per game (44.6) and SP+ (a catch-all metric developed by analytics guru Bill Connelly). The pilot of that offense was quarterback Drew Mestemaker, who made the 230-mile trip north with Morris.

Mestemaker, who threw for 4,379 yards and 34 touchdowns as a freshman, isn't the only North Texas standout who is joining the party in Stillwater. Morris also brings with him 1,400-yard tailback Caleb Hawkins, star wideouts Wyatt Young and Miles Coleman and his two best offensive linemen.

His former defensive coordinator, Skyler Cassity, is also hitched to his wagon.

The Big 12 has one behemoth (Texas Tech) and a host of teams that project to be good but not great. If Morris and Mestemaker combine for the same kind of magic they did last year in Denton, I see no reason why Oklahoma State, despite going 1-11 in a nightmare season in 2025, won't contend with the likes of BYU, Utah, Houston, Kansas State and Arizona.

UTSA to make the CFP (10/1)

We're in a golden era of college football in the state of Texas.

The Longhorns, led by Arch Manning, are a favorite for the second year in a row to win the national championship.

The Aggies, fresh off a trip to the CFP, have the SEC's third-best SP+.

Texas Tech finally made good on the hype, winning the Big 12 and getting a bye as the CFP's No. 4 seed.

The state's Big 3 should be terrific again in 2026, but there's another Lone Star State team with better value to make the CFP: UT-San Antonio.

The second favorite in the American Conference, the Roadrunners look primed for a big jump after going 9-4, 7-6, and 7-6 in their first three seasons in the conference.

For the first time since the Roadrunners made the leap there from Conference USA, the American looks ripe for the taking.

Navy is a lukewarm favorite, but they lost their four most important players on offense, including quarterback Blake Horvath (33 rushing TDs, 25 passing TDs last two seasons).

Tulane, Memphis and South Florida, the other conference heavyweights from recent seasons, all watched this offseason as their head coaches took jobs at major programs. East Carolina was terrific in 2025, but the Pirates got picked apart in the portal.

UTSA, compared to the other contenders in the best Group of 6 conference, is a picture of stability under Jeff Traylor, now in his seventh season in charge.

The schedule isn't a cakewalk, but I like UTSA's chances of winning the American and establishing itself as the best team in the Group of 6.

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Orthodox Jewish Duquesne frosh

KEEPING THE FAITH

By YARON WEITZMAN

THE BEST way to understand what makes Chaim Galbut different — and, more than that, the two lives he's trying to live — is to travel back to April. Galbut was in Pittsburgh at the time, visiting the campus of Duquesne University. There, he met with the head basketball coach, Dru Joyce III. He toured the gym and the locker room. He spoke to some players and had dinner with the staff.

Everything felt right. Galbut, a high-flying, 6-foot-7 teenager from Miami, accepted a scholarship offer for the following season. In the fall, he'd be playing basketball for a Division I program. All the work he'd put in, all those hours on the court and in the weight room, had paid off.

"A dream come true," is how he'd describe it.

Galbut celebrated with his family. He shared the news with friends.

A few days later, he was back at his yeshiva in Jerusalem, where he was spending a gap year after high school and studying Talmud eight hours a day, hunched over a desk in a room surrounded by rabbis, learning about the various tort laws that can be found in the tractate of Bava Kamma.

"I also pounded out Maseches Makkos in one z'man," Galbut said, referring to a separate Talmudic tractate and the amount of time it took him to do so.

This fall, Galbut will become the first yarmulke-wearing, Sabbath-observing player to suit up for a Division I men's basketball team since Tamir Goodman at Towson in 2001. That means that whenever Duquesne plays on a Friday night, Galbut will be sitting out. It also means he'll become the rare person to swap a room in an Israeli yeshiva for one on the campus of a Catholic school.

Galbut isn't just embarking on a rare journey. He's pursuing a life that many — rabbis from his past, Division I coaches who declined to be part of his future — say ends with him falling short in both worlds.

"I've had some people tell me I'm not going to be learning [Torah] as much as I should, and others saying that if I really want to chase this basketball dream, I need to fully devote myself to that," Galbut said. "I get it, and I know this is not going to be easy."

Galbut was saying this on the eve of his first official practice with the team. He was navigating the roads of Pittsburgh in his black, tinted-out Genesis, wondering if he could make it to Walmart despite the low tire pressure light glowing on the dashboard. When it comes to life's more mundane logistics — returning phone calls, keeping track of apartment keys, maintaining a car — Galbut acts every bit like the 19-year-old that he is. Ask him about more serious matters, though, and he sounds a decade older.

"I'm a basketball player and I'm a Jew. Not one or the other," he added after pulling into a gas station. "To me, there is no choice. And being both is how I've gotten here."

He was speaking metaphorically, but there's some literal truth to that statement, too. The novelty, after all, is part of what landed him on the radar of the country's top scouts.

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Growing up in Miami, Galbut mostly played for small Jewish day school teams. He dominated the competition, and loved putting in work, whether running stairwells between classes or shooting on his family's driveway court until 11 at night. He started playing some AAU basketball around 10th grade, and transferred to a prep school for his senior year. But few people outside of his bubble knew who he was. When Galbut graduated high school in the spring of 2025, he didn't have a single Division I offer.

By the end of the summer, that was no longer the case.

The previous year, Galbut had joined a new AAU team named JDS Elite. The program was formed with the purpose of giving high-level Jewish day school players a chance to compete on larger stages and against better competition. Its coach, Brendan Barile, also led the Riverdale Country School boys basketball team, in The Bronx. One day he got a call from an assistant coach at Harvard, Mike Sotsky, asking if he'd like to bring the Riverdale team to Harvard's annual high school showcase. Barile said yes, but, he added, there was a second group he wanted to bring, too. He told Sotsky about JDS Elite.

"I said, 'Look, I want to be transparent with you,' " Sotsky recalled. " 'We're going to have some really good teams there, we don't want anyone coming and being on the wrong end of lopsided games.' "

Barile told him he wasn't worried.

A few weeks later, midway through JDS Elite's first game, Sotsky's phone started buzzing.

"Sotsky, you gotta see this," his fellow assistant coaches wrote in a group chat. "The kid in the Yarmulke is the best on the floor."

Sotsky hustled over to the gym. "Wow," he thought to himself after a few minutes. Galbut was big and bouncy and tough, but it was more than that. He had good instincts. Great hands, too. And the way he

looks to balance religion, Division I hoops sked

just snatched rebounds out of the air was striking.

"They were beating one of the best teams there," Sotsky said. "And Chaim was the reason why."

Sotsky spoke to Barile about Galbut's future. Harvard wasn't the right fit — its focus on academics meant too many games on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons, times when Galbut would be unable to suit up — but Sotsky was converted. A few weeks later, Barile asked for a favor. JDS Elite was scheduled to play at a tournament in Atlantic City. Hundreds of college coaches would be in attendance. Barile asked Sotsky if he could put in a word and get JDS Elite on the main court, where Galbut would get the most exposure.

Once again, Galbut stole the show.

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A few months later, Chase Goldstein, an assistant coach at Duquesne, was sitting in his office scrolling on his phone when a viral video caught his attention. "Chaim Galbut Is The Best Jewish Hooper In The Country!!" read the caption. The reel had more than 100,000 views. Watching the two-minute, seven-second package of highlights, Goldstein was stunned. This wasn't just another kid dunking a ball. What he saw was a mix of ferocious one-handed slams, some over outstretched arms, and sometimes after a smooth in-and-out dribble or swift spin move. The kid could shoot from deep, too. And he was doing it all with a yarmulke perched on top of his head.

Goldstein, who grew up in a Jewish home, had never seen anything like it. He was also surprised that, as a fellow native of South Florida, he'd never heard of Galbut. He made some calls. He learned about Galbut's background, that he was a Sabbath observer, that he had yet to choose a college, and also that he'd be spending the following year in Israel learning Torah and studying Talmud. None of this deterred Goldstein. To the contrary.

"I thought this was a chance to show the world what an Orthodox Jew could do," he said in an interview.

At his next weekly meeting with Joyce, the head coach, he showed him the video. He also told him that he believed Galbut was a Division I talent. Joyce was intrigued. But he also had questions. "I just needed to know more about it," he said recently. Goldstein explained the situation, then received Joyce's sign-off to both recruit Galbut and learn more. Goldstein spent a lot of time speaking to Galbut's father, Eric.

"There was just a lot of gratitude," Joyce said. "No demands or anything. And we knew it wouldn't be easy. But it just felt like it was a great opportunity to both help a young man and also for our program and staff to grow."

Duquesne made clear that the school would do its best to accommodate Galbut wherever possible. Galbut was thankful and honored. But he remained unsure. Yeshiva, coming off an electric Sweet 16 run, remained an option, and the easy choice. He'd be comfortable on campus. He wouldn't miss games. But it wasn't Division I. Torn, he went looking for input wherever he could. While spending his gap year in Israel, he ran into Ryan Turell, a former Yeshiva University star who played two seasons for the Detroit Pistons' minor league affiliate, outside a Jerusalem mall.

"He wanted to know what I would do in his situation," Turell recalled. "He was saying that he had so many different voices giving him advice, but the thing he really wanted to do was prove the people wrong who said someone like him couldn't play at that level."

In the spring, Galbut visited Duquesne. Soon after, both sides made the partnership official.

"They're giving me a chance most people wouldn't," Galbut said.

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Galbut moved into his new apartment in June. He's spent the months since adjusting to his new life, learning how to blend the two he wants to live. He wakes up every morning at 6:50 so that he can make morning prayers at 7. Then it's breakfast, then practice. He takes a few online classes early in the afternoon, then heads over to a nearby Kollel — a center for Jewish learning — to study Talmud with a partner from 3-6. After that is afternoon prayer, then it's back to the gym to get up shots and work with a trainer, then dinner, then more learning, then, at 10 p.m., night prayers. After that, he goes to bed so that he can do it all again the next day.

"It's been really hard," he said. "Some days feel so long, but I also remind myself that's what I wanted. One of my family's sayings is to chase your dreams. And that's what I'm doing."

Little by little, he's feeling more at home. He's getting used to the speed and level of the practices, learning where to go and when to do so. He's figured out that rebounding is where he can make an immediate impact. Someone recently referred to him as the Jewish Jordan.

"No, I'm the Jewish Rodman," Galbut replied.

He was thrilled to discover that one of his teammates' favorite ice cream spots is actually kosher. He laughs about how they think he spends all day in the synagogue, but he loves answering their questions about his practices and religion. In July, he had to miss a practice due to Tisha B'Av, a day of mourning that commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem.

"I had to explain it all," Galbut said. "I went deep."

The team's schedule hasn't come out yet, but he's not worried. He knows the school will do everything it can to make him comfortable. He knows because he's already seen the extent to which his coaches and teammates are willing to go. The other day, a graduate assistant coach reached out. He was organizing a 5 p.m. team trip to the grocery store. Galbut is one of the few players with a car. The GA wanted to know if he could drive a group.

Galbut told him that he couldn't make it, that his afternoon learning session wouldn't end until 6 p.m.

"And they changed the grocery run to start at 6:15 so that I could go," Galbut said. "It just showed how much they value and respect what I'm doing."

He understands his life will only get harder. That there might be moments when he doubts the choice he's made. Maybe the first time he's forced to miss a game because of Shabbat. Or maybe the first time he's forced to cut short his learning session because of a game. All he can do in the meantime is attack each day as best he can. During the difficult moments, he likes to remind himself what he's chasing, that he's at Duquesne for a reason.

"I know this is going to be a journey," he said. "But that's the whole point. This is the journey I've always wanted to take."

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> *— Chaim Galbut*

MAZEL TOV! Chaim Galbut will be the first yarmulke-wearing player to suit up for a Division I men's basketball team since Tamir Goodman at Towson in 2001 when he takes the court for Duquesne University. Courtesy of Duquesne University (3)

IF THE BLUE

Giants rookies relish first opportunity to see if they ‘belong’

WELCOME TO THE NFL: Giants cornerback Colton Hood, the team’s second-round pick in the spring, made his NFL preseason debut Saturday afternoon at MetLife Stadium.
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Paul Schwartz

THERE is always an inclination to take a look in August and think, “Hmm, this draft class could be top-notch. The young guys look darn good.”

That inclination always needs to be tempered with a companion thought and a historical reminder: “Yeah, what I saw in the heat of the summer sure cooled off once the real season settled in.”

Dispatches from across the NFL are filled with laudatory analysis for this rookie lighting it up in training camp and that rookie looking frisky in a preseason game. First-round picks are the real deal. Later-round picks are, potentially, surprise contributors. Sometimes, the hype is real. Usually, a draft class takes time to marinate into something appetizing.

So, we tread lightly with a mid-August assessment of the top of the Giants’ 2026 draft class. Still, there is no need to run the entire race under the caution flag. It is not too bold to anticipate that the top four players will all be significant contributors in their first season.

“We talked about it,” Sisi Mauigoa said. “We came in with the mindset of changing the culture around here, make sure we not only uphold the standard but also push it to the next limit.”

First-rounders Arvell Reese and Mauigoa were installed as immediate starters at inside linebacker and right guard, respectively. They have shown no signs that this is too much, too soon for them.

The second-round pick, cornerback Colton Hood, has experienced some typical ups and downs, manning such a demanding position, but the physical attributes all are there.

The third-round pick, wide receiver Malachi Fields, looked the part early in camp and leaped for the only touchdown in the 13-10 preseason opening loss to the Vikings, putting on display a nice bit of improvisational verve and using his 6-foot-4 height advantage in the end zone to reward Jaxson Dart for his ability to keep a play alive with his elusiveness in the pocket.

There is no doubt the Giants need these four on the field and contributing to winning football. The roster structure dictates that they must log meaningful snaps.

That was part of the message head coach John Harbaugh imparted to the rookies this past Friday night, one sleep away from the first preseason action.

Harbaugh suspects ‘history’ informed Dart’s mandatory

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

GIANTS NOTES

Looking back on it, Giants head coach John Harbaugh thinks Jaxson Dart’s “history” of visits to the medical tent as a rookie might have had something to do with Dart being summoned Saturday to the tent in the second quarter of the afternoon’s 13-10 preseason loss to the Vikings.

Dart took a big hit from safety Jay Ward after running back Tyrone Tracy Jr. failed to locate Ward on what should have been an automatic blitz pickup. Dart was slammed to the turf and stayed down for a few seconds. Afterward, he said he was “puzzled” that he had to get checked out for a possible concussion.

“I’m sure it’s frustrating,” Harbaugh said Sunday afternoon. “I’m not going to be critical of the league or whoever’s doing that upstairs. They do their job; they want to protect their players. I’m sure history or whatever they might remember, maybe that comes into play. I don’t know in a similar situation if another quarterback would have been called into the tent or not. There’s no way for us to know that.”

This was certainly not a case of Dart being reckless with his body or taking unnecessary risks. It was a case of Tracy whiffing on his assignment and getting his quarterback mauled.

“There’s no way he should have been hit there,” Harbaugh said. “I mean, it just shouldn’t have happened. That was a basic protection. Should have been protected and we expect in that situation to be protected in the future. I mean, it’s not like [Dart’s] going to be never hit, never tackled, never sacked. But it shouldn’t have been in that one, and it shouldn’t have been that easy to get to him.”

➤ It looks as if the Giants will need to add a running back, as **Dante “Turbo” Miller** came out of the game with a soft tissue/groin injury. At present, there are only six running backs on the roster. ... The Giants, trailing by three points, had an opportunity to send rookie **Dominic Zvada** out to attempt a 62-yard field goal with 2:29 remaining. After conferring with special teams coordinator **Chris Horton**, Harbaugh deemed the kick into the wind to be too far to attempt. “We wanted to kick it; I promise you, we wanted to get him out there to try one,” Harbaugh said. “Maybe he would have knocked it through.” Harbaugh was hoping his defense could make a stop to

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"Coach kind of said it to all the rookies; he was like, 'After the game tomorrow, you're gonna feel like you belong,' and I think that's exactly what it is," Fields said. "All of us being able to contribute and help the team. It makes us feel like we belong."

Reese, who already looks like a physical force, opened things up on the third defensive snap, drilling running back Jordan Mason at the line of scrimmage for just a 1-yard gain and attracting cheers from the small gathering of fans at MetLife Stadium. On the next play, Hood gave wide receiver Jordan Addison too much space on third-and-7 and was in the vicinity but not sticky enough to prevent an 8-yard completion for a first down.

Mauigoa got knocked to the turf a bit too often, but his power and aggressiveness showed up. The Giants converted a third-and-23 when Jameis Winston's get-what-you-can screen pass to Devin Singletary broke open, with Singletary cutting left to find the space he needed to complete a 40-yard dash. It wouldn't have happened without Mauigoa's involvement, as he cleared a path for "Motor" Singletary by dominating two defenders.

First, Mauigoa tried to lure defensive lineman Domonique Orange into thinking a screen pass was developing, but the Viking did not bite.

"I was trying to avoid my guy and go make a play, but it ended up he was a nonbeliever to the screen, so I had to stay on him," Mauigoa said, "and once I saw Motor get out there and he missed the blocks, I looked at my guy, I was like, 'All right, you're running with me now,' and then I just take him for a ride."

Next, Mauigoa took care of safety Jamal Adams, allowing Singletary to run free.

Two plays later, Dart found Fields and another rookie did his thing.

"To be able to play my first-ever game, although it was a preseason game, I feel blessed," Mauigoa said. "I had fun out there. Kind of reminded me of the little kid in me."

The rookie kids are off to a strong start. And Harbaugh knows he needs them.

"After the game, he came up to me, and he was like, 'How do you feel about your first game?' " Mauigoa said. "I said, 'It was amazing.' Then he hit me with the question: 'Do you feel like you belong?' And it got me wondering, I do honestly feel like I belong, but at the same time, I don't want to belong. I want to dominate the league. That's the mentality that every kid has. As a rookie, you want to come in and you want to earn that trust, obviously."

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get the ball back for the offense, but the Vikings picked up two first downs to run out the clock.

➤ Harbaugh lost a replay challenge early in the first quarter, contesting a reception by **Jordan Addison** that picked up 8 yards and a first down. In the headset suggesting the challenge was Ty Siam, the director of Football Data & Innovation, who held that role previously on **Brian Daboll**'s staff.

"He did a good job," Harbaugh said. "I was happy with it. I thought the challenge was the right challenge. The ball moved, his hands were on the side, it hit the ground, the ball moved out of his control. They didn't turn it over probably because of the shadowing on the replay, you couldn't probably see it that clearly. They looked at it for a long time. Good challenge."

Bamba's away

UDFA turns heads establishing 'Island' of his own with playmaking at corner

A DIFFERENT ROAD: Jets corner Mory Bamba, who broke up a pass in the end zone during his preseason debut Friday against the Buccaneers, walked an unorthodox path to this point as a former track star and JUCO player. AP

By JARED SCHWARTZ

It wasn't Revis Island that Jets head coach Aaron Glenn referenced.

It was a different, much less-known island in the Jets archipelago.

"Bamba Island," Glenn said after the Jets' 24-16 preseason loss to the Buccaneers on Friday.

Mory Bamba, an undrafted free agent cornerback battling to make the roster, stole the show with four pass breakups and five total tackles, seeing action both on defense and special teams.

Amid a training camp in which he's mostly gone unnoticed by outsiders, the performance turned heads and brought him into the conversation.

"I think some of the young [defensive backs] actually showed up, and he's the one that really stands out," Glenn said. "It's not just what he did on defense; he did some good plays on special teams too. There were a couple of mistakes he had, too, and I gotta make sure I say that. But for the most part, I thought he showed out tonight."

In total, Bamba was targeted nine times and allowed just three receptions. On one of his pass breakups, he prevented what looked destined to be a touchdown, recovering to knock the ball away from Ted Hurst III in the end zone at the last second.

"Every day he comes in, he's ready to learn," Brandon Stephens said Saturday. "It's funny, before the game I told him, 'You're gonna have a hell of a game.' And he went out there and did it. ... He definitely played his heart out, and it was encouraging to see. We were all happy for him, hyping him up when he came to the sideline."

Bamba's path to the fringe of the Jets roster has been unconventional.

He joined Division III Wisconsin-Oshkosh's track and field team coming out of high school in 2019. After one season, he transferred to ASA (Miami) College to start his collegiate football career, playing at the JUCO level. There was no season in 2020 due to the pandemic, but Bamba subsequently played the 2021 season with the team.

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Bamba then enrolled at Tyler Junior College and was on the football team that spring. But he transferred to BYU for the 2022 season, finally getting his chance at the Division I level.

He spent four years at BYU, but was never a true starter. As a senior, he recorded 23 total tackles and four pass breakups, starting two games.

Now, he's trying to climb the Jets depth chart.

"It's been kind of unpredictable," Bamba said after Friday's game. "I just keep my faith in God. Track was something that I really love, but also I knew what I was capable of doing as a football player. I gave that a shot in 2021, and so far I've just been trusting the process.

"The potential was always there, for sure. It was just a process, a matter of getting out there and putting it against a pretty good team."

Listed at 6-foot-2, Bamba's intriguing combination of size and speed is what put him on the NFL radar despite his modest college production. He ran an incredible 4.27-second 40-yard dash and recorded an 11-foot-1 broad jump at BYU's Pro Day. The 40-yard dash time would've been tied for second fastest among all prospects at the NFL Combine, though pro day measurements are known to be a bit inflated. The broad jump score would have been second best among cornerbacks at the combine.

He still went undrafted, but his track background has given him a chance at his NFL dream. And the speed should help him on special teams, where he'll have to excel in order to carve out a role for himself.

"Obviously, when you see a 4.2, it draws attention," Bamba said. "Also with the broad jump. It was just a good way to showcase my athleticism. I knew it would probably at least get me in the door."

Bamba is certainly in the door.

Now, the goal is staying inside.

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POWER LIFTER

Known for defense, Torrens homers again to spark Mets

By DAN MARTIN

The reason the Mets valued Luis Torrens enough to sign him to a two-year extension earlier this season was because of his glove.

Even as a young prospect with the Yankees, Torrens stood out defensively.

Since then, he's hit well enough to make a career for himself in the majors.

But lately, the longtime backup backstop has flexed his muscles with the bat as well.

On Sunday, as the Mets completed a sweep of the Nationals at Citi Field with a 4-3 win, Torrens homered for the fourth time in his last six starts.

"We love pitching to him," Christian Scott said after the longest start of his major league career. "Anytime he can contribute offensively, we love it."

Torrens has made a difference defensively throughout the season.

He's caught the same number of innings as Francisco Alvarez and Mets pitchers entered Sunday with a 3.63 ERA pitching to Torrens and a 4.56 ERA with Alvarez behind the plate.

Torrens will never be able to match Alvarez's power in the lineup, but he's proven why the Mets like to use him at catcher frequently, while keeping Alvarez's offense as DH.

The increased playing time has paid dividends for both Torrens and the Mets.

Torrens said getting into more games has helped "a lot" with his bat.

"It's easier when you have more opportunities to play," Torrens added through an interpreter. "You have to take advantage of it."

Interim manager Andy Green has seen Torrens do that for a while.

Torrens made his MLB debut in 2017 with San Diego while Green was the manager.

The Padres plucked Torrens away from the Yankees in the Rule 5 draft the previous offseason despite Torrens being just 20 years old at the time of his MLB debut — and never having played above Class A in the minors.

Green recalled being "nervous" about using the inexperienced Torrens in San Diego.

"I wasn't excited to get a guy from rookie ball," Green said. "The work he's done the last decade to get to where he is now, it's fun to see. He's had some big swings for us now. It's a heck of a journey."

One that continued Sunday with a 405-foot shot out to center, a shade to the opposite field.

"He's always driven the ball well in that direction," Green said.

Green added some of Torrens' recent surge might have been a product of the righty-hitting catcher "enjoying some of the parks we were playing in on the road" with "intelligent hitting."

Sunday's blast, though, was not that. "That ball was crushed," Green said.

HOMER HAPPY: Catcher Luis Torrens is known primarily as a defensive standout. But on Sunday, he homered for the fourth time in his past six starts, which helped the Mets come from behind to beat the Nats 4-3. Jason Szenes

It's another day, another save for new closer Senga

By DAN MARTIN

METS NOTES

Kodai Senga may not want to be the Mets closer forever, but he's off to a pretty good start.

Senga pitched another scoreless ninth inning Sunday in a 4-3 win over Washington at Citi Field, helping the Mets finish a sweep of the Nationals.

And while the right-hander still hasn't pitched on consecutive days — something he'll need to do if he stays in the role — Senga did at least warm up in the eighth inning Saturday after pitching Friday night.

The workload has so far not affected Senga, bumped to the bullpen after an ugly stretch as a starter.

On Sunday, Senga entered — again to Michael Jackson's "Beat It," much to the delight of the Citi Field crowd — to protect a one-run lead.

Unlike his first two save opportunities, which both came in three-run games, Senga had no margin for error against Washington.

He retired the side in order, striking out the final two batters of the game.

Interim manager Andy Green said Senga is "handling [the role] really well."

As Luis Torrens said through an interpreter, Senga is "adjusting quickly" to pitching in the ninth inning and closing games.

"He's doing everything we want him to do now," Green said.

Since being moved to short-inning relief appearances, Senga has pitched five times.

Over five scoreless innings, he's allowed just one hit and a pair of walks while striking out seven.

How that translates to his future with the Mets will be a matter for somewhere down the road, although Senga wants to get back into the rotation at some point.

"We're all enjoying what he's doing now," Green said. "It's huge for us. Every single player wants to impact winning and he's done that in a profound way the last 10 days."

With Devin Williams sidelined indefinitely with a strained shoulder, Senga will continue to get opportunities as the closer.

FINISHED: Kodai Senga pitched a clean ninth inning Sunday for his third save as a Met. Jason Szenes

➤ **Luis Robert Jr.'s** first game in left field was uneventful, as the veteran outfielder was shifted over so **A.J. Ewing** could go back to center.

What was more noticeable about the Mets defense in the outfield was the standout defense by **Carson Benge**, who made two excellent plays against Washington.

The first ended the top of the first, as Benge raced down **Dylan Crews**' shot to the right field wall, with Benge crashing into the fence after making the play.

Benge then helped Christian Scott get through the sixth inning with a sliding catch of **Daylen Lile's** fly ball to shallow right.

➤ **Nate Lavender** got two more big outs, entering in the seventh with two on and one out.

Green noted that both were lefties at the top of the lineup — including C.J. Abrams. Lavender, Green said, "Has elite confidence and conviction in his pitches ... He's got good stuff and a different look."

➤ After the game, the Mets called up veteran **Christopher Morel** from Triple-A Syracuse, where he was batting .321 with 12 homers in 31 games. Morel, 27, was picked up after being placed on waivers by Miami in June.

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KICKING IT AROUND: Soccer megastar Cristiano Ronaldo told Vogue in an exclusive interview that this “probably is my last year in football,” which is big news for his legion of international fans. Ronaldo’s contract with the Al Nassr club runs until June 2027. Getty Images

Ronaldo hints at full time for career

By BRIDGET REILLY

Fans better cherish what’s to come because it may just be Cristiano Ronaldo’s swan song.

In an exclusive interview with Vogue, alongside his wife Georgina Rodríguez, about their wedding, the Portuguese soccer star admitted “this is probably my last year of football.”

“I want to leave a spectacular legacy,” he said. “I have my future all mapped out. I have so many things to keep me busy that to tell you just one thing is hard. Because football could leave a big hole, you have to fill your time in various ways, not just one.

“And also have more fun, travel more, watch and play padel, which I really like, and continue to enjoy what I’ve earned — what we’ve earned. Because after all, it’s been 25 years with a lot of sacrifice.”

It’s the biggest career revelation Ronaldo, whose Al Nassr contract runs until June 2027, has made since the FIFA World Cup this summer in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

After Portugal lost to eventual World Cup winner Spain in the Round of 16, he announced it was his last World Cup while declining to say when he would retire from soccer altogether.

“The day will come [when I retire from international football],” Ronaldo said. “But I’ll be honest, whatever happens, Cristiano will leave with a clear conscience, not 100%, but 1,000%. Because I’ve given everything in football. I don’t need it, I have a good life, but it’s about passion. I play football because I love it ... You have to enjoy every day. And I’ve scored three goals [at this World Cup], I’m not doing too badly, right?”

The 41-year-old billionaire, per Forbes, did not experience a title win on the world’s biggest stage before making the call. It also means he won’t play for his native country when it hosts the World Cup in 2030 with Spain and Morocco, ending a run in playing for Portugal that goes back to 2006.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid forward scored three goals in the 2026 World Cup.

“It’s been fantastic,” said Ronaldo. “It goes beyond the pitch ... This is the World Cup I’ll remember the most because of people’s passion. It’s even more this time, I don’t know why. It’s been, emotionally, the best. I’ve enjoyed it very much.”

Ronaldo has tied the knot with his longtime partner Rodríguez on Aug. 11.

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Bullpen gets out of jam in 7th inning as Amazin's sweep away Nationals

GOT OFF SCOTT-FREE

By DAN MARTIN

It's hard to imagine the 2026 Mets season being remembered as anything but an unmitigated disaster.

But maybe the Mets will be able to salvage at least some dignity with a decent close to the year.

They took another step in that direction Sunday, completing a three-game sweep of the Nationals at Citi Field.

The 4-3 victory was their ninth in 12 games since the Aug. 3 deadline, when the Mets dismantled most of what was left of their bullpen and only didn't do more to tear down the roster because there weren't a lot of pieces other teams were interested in.

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NATIONALS	**3**

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They finished off the Nationals thanks to a solid start by Christian Scott, who the Mets hope is a key part of next year's rotation, and a three-run fourth inning that was capped by a two-run homer by Luis Torrens.

"Guys are playing good baseball," interim manager Andy Green said. "In almost all the games, we've found ourselves down at some point [and] the mentality has flipped from 'Here we go again' to 'Here we go again, this is what we do.' I think there's a big distinction between those two things and your expectations. I think your play follows that."

Scott, in the longest start of his major league career, faltered in the seventh.

He gave up a run and left a pair of runners on base before Nate Lavender entered and got CJ Abrams to pop out and whiffed Abimelec Ortiz.

Daniel Duarte pitched a scoreless eighth and Kodai Senga picked up his third straight save.

It was the Mets' second sweep this month. They also accomplished the feat in Cleveland immediately after the trade deadline.

And they likewise took a series in Pittsburgh, when the Pirates looked like a team ready to at least contend for the playoffs.

Even with their recent string of success, the Mets are 56-69.

They entered the day 11 games out of the last NL wild-card spot, with seven teams to get by to get there.

Still, the 13 games under .500 is the closest the Mets have been to the mark since they were 35-48 on June 27. They've improved to 22-22 since Green took over in the dugout.

And they've been even better the past two weeks.

"I feel like we're playing loose," Scott said. "There's an influx of energy with a lot of new guys. We're having fun and not putting too much pressure on ourselves. And winning is more fun."

Those fun times will be put to the test starting Monday, as their next five series are against teams currently in line for the playoffs.

That starts Monday in Queens against the Padres, who are second in the NL wild-card race.

The San Diego series is followed by a trip to face the White Sox, first place in the AL Central, and then a home series against the Brewers, owners of the best record in the majors, and the AL West-leading Astros.

And the stretch ends with a trip to face the Rays, who are atop the AL East.

But as Green noted, there's more resilience in this group of late, as they found themselves in a 2-0 hole in the third inning before Jared Young and Brett Baty started the fourth-inning rally.

Torrens homered for the fourth time in his past six starts.

They added a run in the fifth on a two-out double by Young.

Scott kept the lead, but was hurt by a leadoff walk to Jorbit Vivas in the seventh. A pair of one-out hits ended his day before the bullpen took over and finished the job.

Their best 12-game stretch in over a year still hasn't gotten the Mets out of the NL East cellar, but it's at least added some life to the second half of the season after four-plus months when nothing went right.

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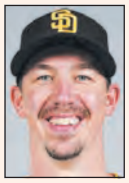
FINISHING TOUCH: Christian Scott had another largely successful start Sunday, but ran into trouble in the seventh inning — giving up a run and leaving two runners on base. That's when Nate Lavender (inset) entered and got Washington's CJ Abrams to pop out and struck out Abimelec Ortiz to end the threat. Robert Sabo; Imagn Images

ON DECK: vs. Padres

Monday, 7:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)



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PITCH BREAKDOWN

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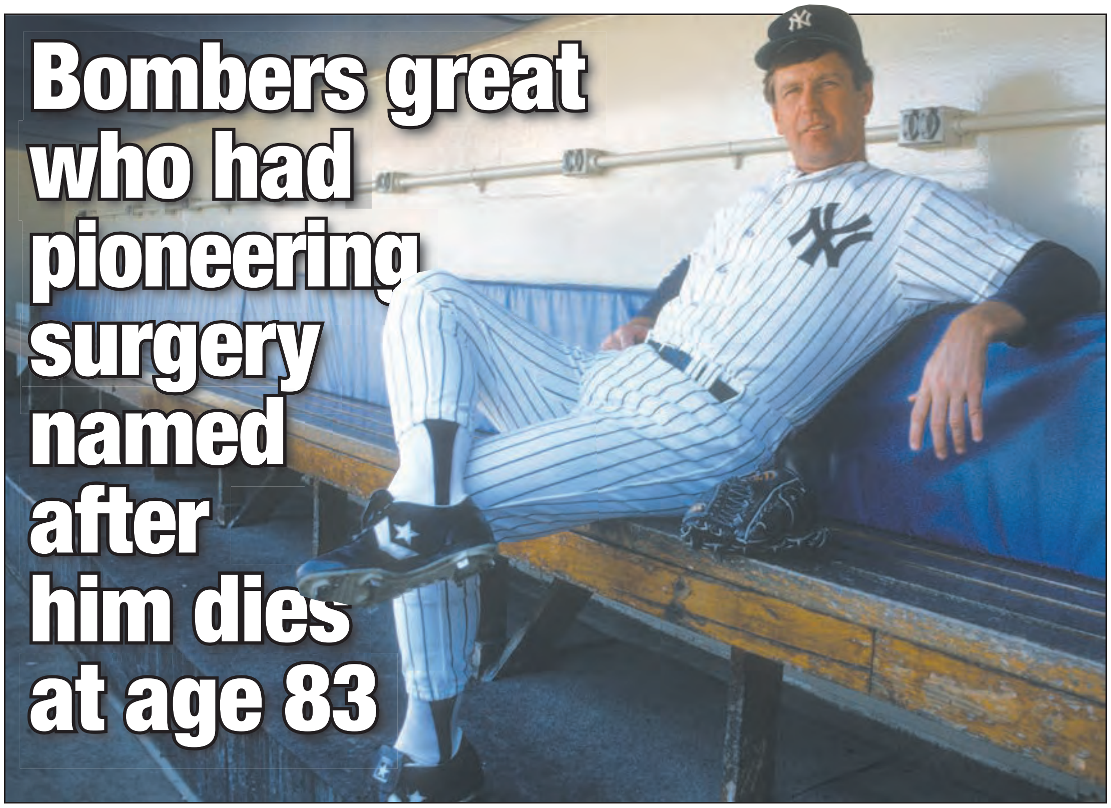

Bombers great who had pioneering surgery named after him dies at age 83

By DAN MARTIN

Tommy John, whose major league career was extended after he became the first player to undergo the elbow surgery that now carries his name, has died of bladder cancer. He was 83.

He had been in hospice care at his home in Bradenton, Fla.

The left-handed pitcher spent 26 seasons in the majors and won 288 games — 164 of which came after his elbow was famously repaired.

Only scandal-plagued Roger Clemens has more career victories in the Modern Era and isn't in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Already an All-Star pitcher with the White Sox earlier in his career, John was a standout starter with the Dodgers when he tore the ulnar collateral ligament in his left elbow during the 1974 season.

Team physician Dr. Frank Jobe replaced the ligament in the first surgery of its kind.

After missing all of 1975, John returned with Los Angeles a year later and quickly returned to top form.

In 1977, John finished second in the National League Cy Young voting.

In a farewell letter published online Aug. 8 during Old-Timers' Day at Yankee Stadium, John thanked Jobe, whom John said "saved my arm and made it possible for me to continue pitching. That surgery has since gone on to save the careers of countless pitchers, including many of the very best in the game today."

"The New York Yankees mourn the passing of Tommy John, who was a bedrock of our rotation during his time in pinstripes and a longtime favorite of Yankees fans," the Yankees said in a statement. "While his incredible longevity and post-surgery achievements changed the fortunes and trajectory of countless athletes around the world, it also overshadowed his excellence as a pitcher, which included consecutive 20-win seasons with the Yankees.

"We pause to remember the totality of his legacy — his competitiveness and skill, his penchant for conversation, his kind and gracious nature, and his stature as an athletic and medical pioneer. The Yankees extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends, including wife, Cheryl, daughter, Tamara, and sons Tommy III and Travis. We also keep his son Taylor in our hearts."

John was born in Terre Haute, Ind., on May 22, 1943 and graduated from Gerstmeyer High School. Despite scholarship offers to play college basketball, John signed with Cleveland as an amateur free agent out of high school and made his MLB debut with the then-Indians in 1963, when he was 20.

John was traded to the White Sox prior to the 1965 season and was an All-Star in 1968.

He spent seven seasons with Chicago before the Dodgers acquired him in December 1971 in exchange for Hall of Famer Dick Allen.

"We are saddened to hear the news of Tommy John's passing today," President & CEO of the Los Angeles Dodgers Stan Kasten said. "Tommy was an exceptional pitcher throughout his career in Major League Baseball, and his courageous role in becoming the first to have surgery that would go on to bear his name can't be overstated. His impact both on and off the field has been felt by ballplayers of all ages and will be for generations to come."

John started three World Series games against the Yankees — one in 1977 and two in '78 — before signing with the Yankees as a free agent before the 1979 season.

In each of his first two years in The Bronx, John topped 20 wins. He finished second in the AL Cy Young vote in 1979 and fourth in 1980.

"It was great having him on the team," Ron Guidry said of his former teammate at Old-Timers' Day. "He was so knowledgeable. When we were together, we were pretty much 1-2 on the staff and having him around gave me great comfort. He could talk and it was nice to have him around because he would answer any question you had and he did so much in the game."

The Yankees traded John to the California Angels in August 1982 and John stayed with the Angels until he was released midway through the 1985 season, when he signed with the Oakland A's.

He returned to the Yankees in 1986 and finished his career in The Bronx, making his final start in May 1989, when he had just turned 46.

By then, John was the oldest player in the sport and had tied Deacon McGuire's record for most seasons pitched (26) — a mark that was broken by Nolan Ryan, who played 27 seasons.

John started 700 games in his career, the eighth most in MLB history and his 4,710 ⅓ innings pitched are 19th on the all-time list.

But John really made his mark with his comeback from elbow surgery.

He suffered the injury at 31 in a start against the Montreal Expos on July 17, 1974.

John threw a pitch to Hal Breeden and later said he felt the "strangest sensation I had ever known. ... Right at the point where I put force on the pitch, the point where my arm is back and bent, something happened. It felt as if I had left my arm someplace else. It was as if my body continued to go forward and my left arm had just flown out to right field, independent of the rest of me."

He threw one more pitch before being removed from the game by manager Walt Alston.

When the injury didn't heal on its own, Dr. Jobe recommended the groundbreaking surgery to John.

While others had undergone similar procedures on their wrists and hands, John was the first pitcher to have it done on his elbow, as Jobe replaced that liga-

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Yankee legend Tommy John pens farewell from hospice

'Goodbye'

Tommy John, who had two stints with the Yankees and for whom the elbow surgery is named, is in poor health. On Old-Timers' Day, the for
wrote: "I want to thank the Yankees organization & the Steinbrenner family for giving me this opportunity to say goodbye to everyone."

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ment with a tendon from John's right forearm that September.

"I couldn't pitch anymore," John told The Post of the injury in 2019. "And I wanted to pitch and make a living playing baseball. If I didn't have the surgery, I wouldn't have been able to continue playing the game."

While grateful, John lamented the fact that the procedure became so common, especially among younger pitchers.

Gerrit Cole, who underwent the procedure in 2025, said, "It's weird to think about the surgery saving us, but the player had to step up to the table and do it. He had tremendous success afterwards. He was really writing the book for all of us. There's a lot of gratitude towards him."

Upon his comeback at the start of the 1976 season, John was referred to as "The Bionic Man."

After signing with the Yankees, John pitched one postseason game in 1980 and helped them get back to the World Series in 1981, where he gave up just one run in 13 innings over three appearances, but they fell to the Dodgers.

John led the league in shutouts in 1966 and '67 with the White Sox and again in 1980 with the Yankees.

Despite his success and longevity, John never came close to being elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

While with the Yankees, John's family survived a near-tragedy, as John's 2-year-old son, Travis, survived a fall from a third-story window that left him critically injured.

In 2010, John's son, Taylor, died by suicide and John worked with the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention.

John's other jobs in baseball included broadcasting with the Yankees and Twins, as well as managing in the minors — including with the Staten Island Yankees in 2004.

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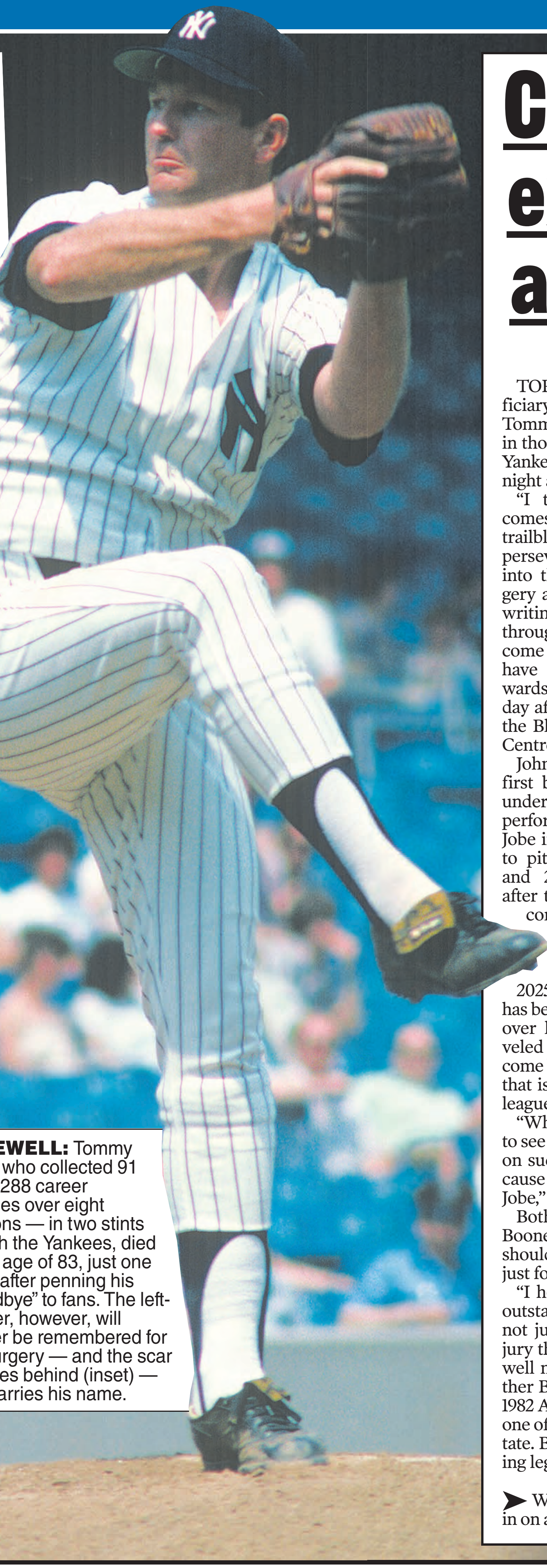

FAREWELL: Tommy John, who collected 91 of his 288 career victories over eight seasons — in two stints — with the Yankees, died at the age of 83, just one week after penning his "Goodbye" to fans. The left-hander, however, will forever be remembered for the surgery — and the scar it leaves behind (inset) — that carries his name.

Cole remembers ex-Yankees lefty as a 'trailblazer'

By GREG JOYCE

TORONTO — As a recent beneficiary of the surgery named after Tommy John, Gerrit Cole joined in those remembering the former Yankees lefty who died Saturday night at the age of 83.

"I think the first thing that comes to mind is how much of a trailblazer he was and what great perseverance he had, venturing into the unknown with the surgery and really writing the book, writing the script for how to push through it and overcome it and ultimately have success afterwards," Cole said Sunday after a 4-3 win over the Blue Jays at Rogers Centre.

GERRIT COLE

John, who was the first baseball player to undergo UCL surgery performed by Dr. Frank Jobe in 1974, came back to pitch in 405 games and 2,544 $^2/_3$ innings after the procedure, recording 164 of his 288 career wins with the new elbow.

Cole, who underwent Tommy John surgery in 2025, came back this year and has been sharp, posting a 3.22 ERA over his first 15 starts. He marveled at John being the first to come back from the major surgery that is now ubiquitous across the league.

"What a blessing it is that we get to see these great players continue on such a great path, and it's because of Tommy John and Dr. Jobe," Cole said.

Both Cole and manager Aaron Boone said they thought John should be a Hall of Famer, and not just for the surgery in his name.

"I hope people remember how outstanding his career was and not just being named for the injury that obviously we know very well now," said Boone, whose father Bob played with John on the 1982 Angels. "I can see his windup, one of my favorite windups to imitate. But a great career and a lasting legacy."

➤ With **Carlos Rodón** closing in on a return from the injured list,

YANKEES NOTES

Ryan Weathers keeps bolstering his case to stick in the rotation.

The lefty was strong again Sunday, allowing just one run over 7 $^1/_3$ innings while out-pitching Blue Jays ace **Dylan Cease** (6 $^1/_3$ innings, two runs).

"You don't go into it trying to outduel him, it's just more you know you're going to have to match zeroes," Weathers said. "We were able to do that today."

Weathers, who was helped out by two inning-ending double plays to escape jams, has recorded a 0.85 ERA over his last five starts, seemingly giving him the upper hand over Will Warren for who will remain in the rotation once Rodón returns.

Warren is scheduled to start Tuesday's series opener against the Orioles, with Rodón also lined up to pitch that day. Indications were that Rodón was likely to make another rehab start instead of pitching against the Orioles, though the club had not finalized that decision as of Sunday. Waiting to activate him had to do with him not being fully built up yet and also looking ahead to a doubleheader Aug. 29, when it would behoove the Yankees to have an extra arm stretched out like Warren to start one of those games.

➤ Weathers' strike throwing and efficiency Sunday allowed him to pitch into the eighth inning, which was especially important on a day when Boone was trying to stay away from relievers **Paul Blackburn** and **Brent Headrick** because of workload concerns.

So after using **David Bednar** for five outs in relief of Weathers, **Tim Hill** pitched the bottom of the 10th and allowed just a bloop single that scored the automatic runner in his second save of the season.

"The lefty pocket was there for him," Boone said. "He came in and threw the ball really well."

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Bellinger may start rehab stint this week

By GREG JOYCE

TORONTO — The black hole that is the Yankees offense might be around a week away from getting its first reinforcement back.

If his next few days of workouts continue to go well, Cody Bellinger could begin a rehab assignment Thursday or Friday at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, manager Aaron Boone said Sunday. Bellinger may only need a few games before he returns to the Yankees lineup.

Boone had initially indicated that Bellinger was going to start a rehab assignment Tuesday, but after the 4-3 win over the Blue Jays at Rogers Centre he clarified that he misspoke. “Nothing happened” to push back the start date, Boone insisted, he just jumped the gun in saying it would begin Tuesday.

Next Saturday marks four weeks from when Bellinger suffered a Grade 2 hamstring strain against the Phillies, after which the Yankees offered a 4-6 week timeline for his return. He appears to be on track to come back right around the four-week mark, with the Yankees hoping he can help jump-start a struggling offense

Before each of the Yankees’ three games this weekend at Rogers Centre, Bellinger went through a full workout in which he looked just about ready, saying Friday he “felt really good.” The All-Star outfielder is expected to repeat those workouts over the next few days before beginning what should be a brief rehab assignment.

Bellinger’s return will give the Yankees a needed presence near the top of their lineup and likely shift Heliot Ramos, who has been manning left field since being acquired at the trade deadline, into a potential platoon in right field with Spencer Jones.

Next in line appears to be Giancarlo Stanton, who has been out since late April with a calf strain, though Boone said Sunday he does not know when the veteran DH might be ready for a rehab assignment.

The Yankees are also banking on Aaron Judge being in play at some point next month.

FROM GAFFE

HE HAD BEN STRUGGLING: Ben Rice walked to the plate in the 10th inning Sunday amid a 10-for-85 skid over his past 23 games, but delivered his 33rd home run of the season when the Yankees needed it most in a 4-3 win. AP; Getty Images

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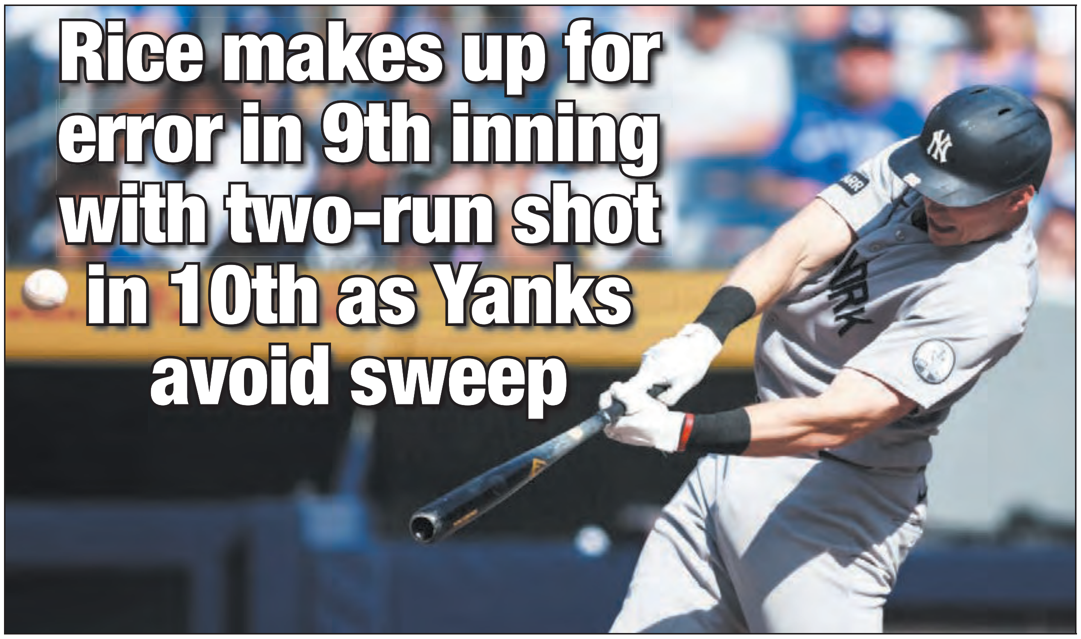

Rice makes up for error in 9th inning with two-run shot in 10th as Yanks avoid sweep

By GREG JOYCE

TORONTO — Ben Rice taketh, Ben Rice giveth.

After his brutal fielding error allowed the Blue Jays to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth inning, the slugging first baseman quickly made up for it with the kind of big swing that has been missing too often of late.

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Rice crushed a two-run shot in the top of the 10th before the Yankees held on in the bottom of the frame to stave off the sweep and secure a 4-3 win over the Blue Jays at a sold-out Rogers Centre on Sunday afternoon.

After David Bednar had thrown $1 \frac{2}{3}$ innings in relief of a terrific Ryan Weathers, Tim Hill entered for the bottom of the 10th and, after allowing the automatic runner to score on a bloop single, nailed down the save for a win the Yankees needed to have.

"Really proud of Ben," said Weathers, who has pitched to a 0.85 ERA over his past five starts. "Obviously the ninth inning didn't go how he wanted it to, but staying within the game and putting a big swing on the board for us, that's huge for him, I think it's huge for the team. You always love to see stuff like that."

It was by no means easy — nothing has been lately for Aaron Boone's club — but thanks to Rice's 33rd home run, the Yankees (69-55) picked up a game on the Rays in the division for the first time since Aug. 2, moving within $5 \frac{1}{2}$ games of them while cooling off the Blue Jays (61-65), who have surged into the periphery of the third AL wild card.

"Look, this season has tested our character and our resilience and I think we have a lot of that in that room," Boone said. "It's games like this that we continue to find ourselves in and we just got to keep fighting and know we're an incomplete team, but we have a chance to be who we want to be. Love the fight, and a good way into the off day."

Weathers delivered one of his best starts of the season to outduel Dylan Cease, throwing $7 \frac{1}{3}$ innings of one-run ball, while José Caballero — making an increasingly rare start for the slumping Jazz Chisholm Jr. — provided a spark offensively. He walked and scored a run in the third inning before putting the Yankees ahead 2-1 on a single in the seventh inning — scoring George Lombard Jr., who had knocked Cease out of the game with a one-out double on his 104th pitch.

Then, with the Yankees clinging to the one-run lead entering the bottom of the ninth, Rice whiffed on a ground ball to first base, allowing the leadoff man to reach. Bednar followed by walking Alejandro Kirk before getting the first out on George Springer's pop-up.

But on an 0-2 pitch to Ernie Clement, Bednar spiked a curveball that got past Ali Sánchez, allowing the runners to move up to second and third. Two pitches later, Clement hit a sacrifice fly to tie it 2-2.

Rice made no excuse for the error — "Play's got to be made," he said — but did not let it linger in his head, instead flushing it so he could come up with one out in the 10th and clobber a pitch from Braydon Fisher into the right field seats.

"Honestly, the way baseball is, you don't really have any time to think about anything," Rice said. "Especially you have that tough error and then right away there's another batter coming up and you got to be ready for that situation. Then we get back on offense, I'm hitting second that inning, you don't really have time to think about it. So you just got to get ready."

Rice had hit the ball hard the last few games with nothing to show for it, and then started Sunday 0-for-4 — meaning when he walked to the plate in the 10th, he was in a 10-for-85 skid over his past 23 games.

While he and the Yankees continued to trust that their batted-ball luck would eventually turn — Rice was one of a number of hitters in the lineup that had been stinging the ball lately to no avail — that was becoming harder to live with as the Yankees' offensive malaise dragged on.

And even still, the Yankees were in a position to win a 2-1 game before Rice's error gave the Blue Jays life, only for him to respond in a big way with his bat.

"I know no one's feeling worse at that point than Benny," Boone said. "To come up there and essentially win the game for us in the 10th was massive. Credit to him. And that's this game — that's being a big leaguer, that's the major league season. You got to handle everything and keep going, and Benny was an example of that today."

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Forgotten man Caballero provides spark as Jazz sits

By GREG JOYCE

TORONTO — After floating the idea Saturday night of shaking up his lineup to find some offense, the most notable change Aaron Boone ended up making was sitting Jazz Chisholm Jr. for José Caballero.

And while Boone said Sunday morning that he expected Chisholm "to be back in there regularly" at second base moving forward, Caballero at least gave him something to think about on Monday's off day.

Making only his second start since George Lombard Jr. was called up on Aug. 4, Caballero provided a lift for a slumping offense, scoring a run and then driving in another as the Yankees beat the Blue Jays 4-3 in 10 innings at Rogers Centre.

"Certainly hoping for [a spark], and he was good," Boone said. "Obviously good defense, but a big hit for us, a big walk, a [steal] to set up the first run, drove in the next run. … A lot of really good things by him and a big difference in the game today."

The Orioles are in line to throw three righty starters against the Yankees in the series that begins Tuesday at Camden Yards, making it possible that Boone will in fact go right back to Chisholm at second base. The pending free agent is in the midst of a rough season, finishing Sunday batting just .216 with a .683 OPS, though he did hit a single in the ninth inning and stole a bag after entering the game as a pinch runner in the seventh.

But Caballero, who has shown he can be effective in spurts, did it again Sunday.

Leading off the third inning against Blue Jays ace Dylan Cease, Caballero drew a four-pitch walk that began with him using back-to-back challenges to turn two called strikes into two balls. He then took second on a groundout, swiped third for his 30th steal of the season and came home to score on Luis García Jr.'s sacrifice fly for the 1-0 lead.

"I always try to help my team in any way possible and see any opportunity that is out there to take advantage of," Caballero said. "I was able to take third base on him and make it easier for my teammate behind me to drive me in."

In a 1-1 game in the seventh, with two outs and runners on first and second against lefty reliever Brendon Little, Caballero roped a single to left field that scored Lombard for the 2-1 lead.

It initially appeared like another run might score on the play, as Caballero got in a pickle between first and second that went on long enough for the pinch-running Chisholm to score, but replay review showed Caballero got brushed with a tag during a drop and roll before Chisholm crossed the plate.

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

“Conversations With A Killer: The Charles Manson Tapes” (Netflix) is probably the most frustrating entry in Joe Berlinger’s docuseries franchise. But the tidbits of new information and new interview material with Manson that he provides in these three hours are still interesting enough to put up with the annoying reenactments and other narrative misfires.**OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

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WHAT TO WATCH

Who is getting ready for **“The Traitors: New Blood”**? As you prepare for the all-civilian season of **”The Traitors”** premiering on Sept. 17, rewatch “The Traitors” Season 4, in which **Rob Rausch** (left) has never been hotter or more deceitful, Lisa Rinna has never been more stylish or iconic, and Maura Higgins has never been more Irish.

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COOKING UP A NEW PLOT

‘Tony’ is the rare biopic improved by forgetting its true story

By JESSE HASSENGER

There’s a reason that the new movie **“Tony”** isn’t called **“Kitchen Confidential,”** even though the title would fit. That bestselling 2000 book by Anthony Bourdain, part memoir and part casual exposé, related the chef’s personal experiences in the restaurant industry and brought him enough fame to jump-start his television career. While Bourdain became the host of food-focused travel shows, the book itself was loosely adapted into a short-lived TV comedy, also called “Kitchen Confidential.” Though the book has remained popular, hitting the charts again in 2018 following Bourdain’s death, between the fictional show and the many nonfiction series Bourdain was a part of, as well as a biographical documentary from 2022, the material seems pretty well tapped out.

That’s where “Tony” comes in.

The new A24 movie is also fiction, but it’s more personal than the “Kitchen Confidential” series, adapting the first two chapters of the book into a coming-of-age story about college student and malcontent Tony Bourdain (Dominic Sessa), an aspiring writer whose ambitions seem to outstrip his abilities. Following a cocky pitch to a fellowship committee about the heady novel he plans to write, he’s devastated to learn that his project hasn’t been selected for funding. In a stubborn fit of pique, he lights out for Provincetown, Massachusetts, entirely because Nancy (Emilia Jones), a girl he has attempted to impress with stories of his burgeoning writing career, will be spending the summer there. Flailing (and lying!) with drunken hostility through a town where he half-knows a couple of girls, he winds up getting a kitchen job at a seafood shack run by a talented but under-recognized chef (Antonio Banderas), his introduction to kitchen culture.

Banderas’ character isn’t from any one figure in the book; the movie takes incidents and anecdotes from those early chapters and sorts them into a more conventional single-summer narrative arc, taking place over the course of a few months in 1975. In that sense, the movie’s adherence to Bourdain’s “real” life is pretty biographically loose. What director Matt Johnson (who previously made the true-life-based **“Blackberry,”** as well as serving as one half of the duo behind **“Nirvanna the Band the Show”** and its recent film version) attempts to capture is the overall feel of Bourdain’s experiences — the feckless youth he started as, and the change he underwent as a result of his Cape Cod summer.

Dominic Sessa (right) plays Anthony Bourdain (below left) in the new biopic “Tony” alongside Antonio Banderas (left).

Courtesy Everett Collection

In other words, Johnson has made a pretty conventional coming-of-age movie from the biographical outlines of one of the most famous culinary names of the 21st century. Mostly, though, “Tony” works on its chosen terms: fleet, entertaining, frequently funny, with a boldly unlikable yet somehow empathetic performance from Sessa at the center. The tendency in most biographical movies about well-liked figures, even ones that are largely made up, is to send out signals about the subject’s nascent genius or specialness. “Tony” rather brilliantly declines most of these opportunities. Tony’s writerly affectations are, if anything, signs that he’s ages away from growing into his ambition.

Yet the movie also doesn’t do much to hint that his writing talent is about to be eclipsed by innately brilliant cooking, either. He’s drawn into the restaurant world by guys like Sal (Leo Woodall) or Dimitri (Stavros Halkias), who use the fast-paced, night-heavy kitchen work as an excuse to do drugs and chase women. As with writing, Tony seems intoxicated by the actual worst elements of the work he comes to revere. (Maybe it’s his myopia that allows the movie to pay on the merest of lip service to Provincetown’s history as a haven for gay people; at least, that’s the only plausible excuse I could think of for how little reference there is to it here, even in passing.)

The movie does such a good job of making the audience see Bourdain as unformed, relatably bumbling Tony that when the screenplay feeds Sessa a line from Bourdain’s memoir about raw oysters tasting like the future, it lands with a thud. On the other side, it should be easy to pick Banderas out as the composited invention: the slightly gruff, but secretly kind, chef presiding over a ramshackle but high-quality little kitchen, reawakening his passion for fancier dishes at Tony’s urging, serving as an “unexpected” (which is to say completely obvious) mentor. Yet Banderas anchors the kitchen scenes so well, wielding his star charisma so delicately, that our bulls*** detectors never really go off. He’s a figure straight out of a coming-of-age movie. Despite Johnson’s deft handling of the more overtly fact-based (if still obviously fictionalized) “Blackberry,” “Tony” is better at showing a young man coming of age than it is explaining or, worse, paying tribute to Anthony Bourdain.

Sometimes the best thing a movie based on a true story can do is try to forget where it came from.

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TRENDING NOW

“Off Campus” fans, meet your Summer DiLaurentis! **Shay Rudolph** (left) will play Dean DiLaurentis’ (Stephen Kalyn) sister in Season 2 of the Prime Video series, which is set to center on Dean and Allie Hayes’ (Mika Abdalla) relationship.

WHAT’S NEW

ON FOX
“The 1% Club,” the Season 3 finale.

ON FX/FXX/HULU
“It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia,” the Season 18 premiere (left).

Best Bets

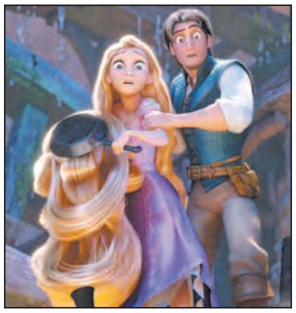
What's on Tonight

DRAMA

Footloose: 4:15 p.m. on AMC. Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer. A Chicago teen moves to a small town where dancing and rock 'n' roll are banned.

EPIC

Troy: 6:30 p.m. on SYFY. Brad Pitt, Eric Bana. When a Trojan prince steals a man's wife, a war of epic proportions begins as a thousand ships are launched.



FAMILY

Tangled: 8 p.m. on DIS. Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi. A long-haired princess strikes a deal with a passing bandit in order to see the world beyond her tower.

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Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	The Neighborhood (R)	The Neighborhood (R)	FBI: Fadeaway (R)		CIA: Pledge of Allegiance (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	New York Live	American Ninja Warrior: National Finals 2				The Wall: Emma & Chrissy (R)		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Extra	TMZ	The 1% Club: Second Chance Night		(9:02) The Quiz with Balls: Dentist vs. Funeral		The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!: Tournament	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Dancing with the Stars: The Next Pro: Coaching		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: In The Hot Seat		Celebrity Family Feud: AFC Champions vs NFC (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Tragedy		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Soulless	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld: Puffy Shirt	The Big Bang Theory	All American: Somehow Some Way		Penn & Teller: Fool Us: Single-Handed (R)		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: The Outing
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Antiques Roadshow: Shelburne (R)		Antiques Roadshow: Shelburne Hour (R)		The Brontes & Me: Sisters of Disruption		Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	The Marlow Murder Club		The Marlow (R)		Downton Abbey		Royal Myths (R)		BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	GZero	Azadi	Who She Is	Vanguard W	Her B Idea	Day's Work	Buzz	Start Up	The NYC F	Walkin NYC	Roadtrip
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) Fire	Chicago P.D.: Descent		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.: Trust		Chicago P.D.: Outrage		Chicago P.D.: Night In	
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47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Top Chef VIP				El Señor de los Cielos		Lejos de Ti		Noticiero	Noticias
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours: Secrets Sand		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	Live PD (R)	Live PD: Shifts (R)		Live PD: Shifts (R)		Live PD: Greatest Shifts		(10:01) Live PD: Shifts		(11:04) Live PD: Shifts (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	(6:45) The Breakfast Club (1985, Drama) Emilio Estevez. R ★★★½					Bridesmaids (2011, Comedy) Kristen Wiig. R ★★★					
BBCAM	71	101	189	(5:30) The Karate Kid (1984, Drama) Ralph Macchio.				The Karate Kid, Part II (1986, Action) Pat Morita. PG ★★½					Law & Order	
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		BIG3 Basketball						Martin	Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	McBee (R)	(6:59) McBee Dynasty (R)		Below Deck: Eiffel Power		McBee Dynasty		Next Gen NYC: Bravocon		McBee Dynasty (R)	
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office: Fundraiser		The Office	The Office	Family Guy	Family Guy
DISC	66	27	120	120 Hours	120 Hours: Wood County		Contraband (R)		(9:01) 120 Hours		(10:01) Contraband (R)		(11:01) Contraband (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	(6:15) Camp Rock 3 (2026, Music)			Tangled (2010, Fantasy) Mandy Moore.			Phineas	Phineas	(10:35) Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	(9:02) Men	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	MLB Baseball: Detroit Tigers at Pittsburgh Pirates from PNC Park. Live.						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
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FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Pitmasters: Core Four		Pitmasters		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREE	38	49	199	(5:00) Pitch Perfect (2012)		Pitch Perfect 2 (2015, Comedy) Anna Kendrick. PG-13 ★★★					Somebody Knows		The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	Racer	The 500: Immorality at		Indycar NICS Replay.				SPEED with Harvick		Greatest Games: Big Ten	
FX	10	40	53	Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. R ★★★					Sunny	Sunny	(10:03) Magic Mike (2012, Drama) Channing Tatum. R			
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Groundswell (2022, Romance) G			Paris, Wine & Romance (2019, Romance) Jen Lilley.				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	Ugliest House in America		Crashers: Spa Day		(11:01) Grand Alaska	
HIST	40	47	128	History's	Great Mysteries (R)		Great Mysteries (R)		History's Great Mysteries		(10:03) Great Mysteries		Great Mysteries: Killing	
ID	23	171	123	Mean Girl	Mean Girl Murders		Fear Thy Neighbor		A Killer Among Friends		Game Day Murders		Murder in the Heartland	
LIFE	62	45	140	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper		(10:03) Dr. Pimple Popper		(11:03) Dr. Pimple Popper	
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MSG	27	87	78	(6:00) NBA Basketball			New York Knicks		New York Knicks		NBA Basketball			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable.										
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
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NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	Videos	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Gladiator (2000, Drama) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. R ★★★★						Terminator: Dark Fate (2019, Action) Linda Hamilton. R ★★★				
SNY	26	60	77	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: San Diego Padres at New York Mets from Citi Field. Live.						Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Troy (2004, Action) Brad Pitt. R ★★★						F9 (2021, Action) Vin Diesel. PG-13 ★★½				
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	(6:15) The Velvet Touch (1948, Mystery)			Auntie Mame (1958, Comedy) Rosalind Russell. NR ★★★					Gypsy (1962) Rosalind Russell. NR ★★★		
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day: The Last Resort		Little Singles		90 Day: The Last Resort		Double Lives Of (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	Godzilla vs. Kong (2021, Action) Millie Bobby Brown. PG-13 ★★★					The Librarians: The Next		The Librarians: The Next		Geostorm (2017) ★★½	
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU: Risk		Law & Order: SVU		Anna Pigeon (R)	
VH1	19	52	217	(5:30) Easy A (2010) ★★★		Friends with Benefits (2011, Comedy) Justin Timberlake. R ★★★					Easy A (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone. PG-13 ★★★			
WE	59	42	149	Minds	Criminal Minds: Prophecy		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
YES	53	89	76	Yankees Classic: 2003 ALCS Game #7			Yankees Classics: A Debut to Remember - George Lombard Jr.					Homegrown	BKFC Rewind	
HBO	511	301	400	(4:45) Marty	(7:19) Last Week (R)		Lanterns (R)		Lee Cronin's The Mummy (2026) Jack Reynor. R				(11:16) Whitmer Thomas	
MAX	531	371	420	Due Date R	(7:13) Road House (1989, Action) Patrick Swayze. ★★★				(9:08) Life of Pi (2012, Adventure) Suraj Sharma. ★★★½				(11:16) Wonka (2023) ★★★	
MGM Plus	595		395	(5:50) Roofman (2025, Comedy) R			The Westies		Billy Kid	(9:50) Billy the Kid		Whiplash (2014, Drama) Miles Teller. R		
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:00) Brave the Dark (2025, Drama)			Special Ops: Lioness		Kiss the Girls (1997, Thriller) Morgan Freeman. R ★★★				Babel (2006) Brad Pitt. R	

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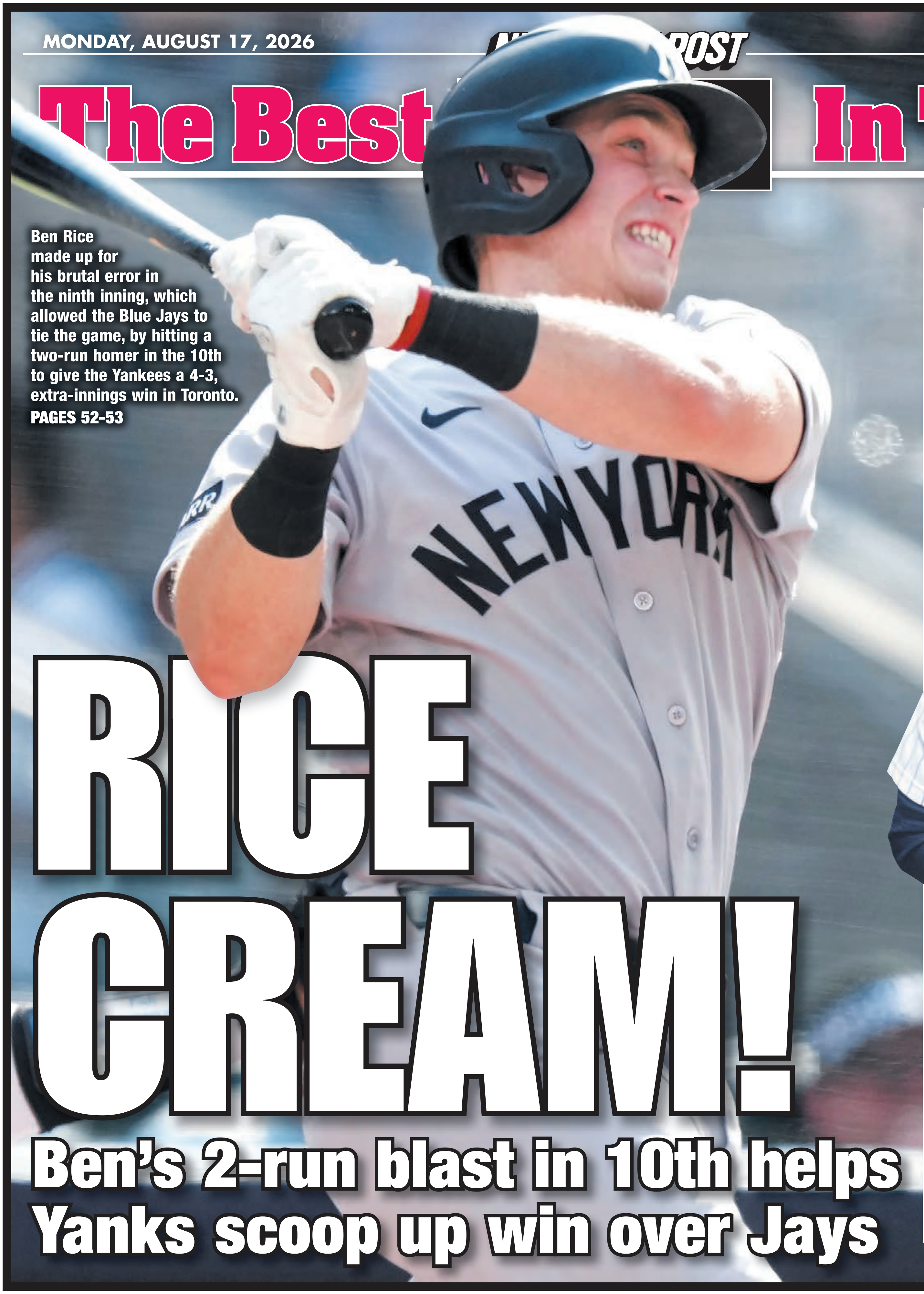

Ben Rice made up for his brutal error in the ninth inning, which allowed the Blue Jays to tie the game, by hitting a two-run homer in the 10th to give the Yankees a 4-3, extra-innings win in Toronto.

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RICE CREAM!

Ben's 2-run blast in 10th helps Yanks scoop up win over Jays

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FORMER YANKS PITCHER, NAMESAKE OF PIONEERING SURGERY, DIES AT AGE 83

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